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WASHINGTON NEWS.

Proceedings of Congress Yesterday.

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Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 8.

Both Houses of Congress were fully attended to-day. The Senate, either out of respect to ANDREW JACKSON and the battle of New-Orleans, or because it had nothing to do, had but a short session and adjourned at 1 o'clock. But the House went to work in earnest, and a perfect cloud of resolutions, bills, &c., many of them very important, were introduced and referred, and, in addition, three lengthy speeches were made in Committee of the Whole on the reconstruction question. Polygamy was let alone, but MAXIMILIAN was duly overhauled. Mr. GREEN CLAY SMITH, of Kentucky, proposed an inquiry to the President to know whether this government had been called upon to interfere to prevent the seizure of the son of an American lady, Mme. ITURBIDE, now residing in Georgetown, by MAXIMILIAN, for the purpose of making him a Prince. The resolution was adopted; whereupon Mr. RITTER, of Kentucky, overhauled the Mexican Express Company by resolution, said company being supposed to do a contraband trade between New-York and Vera Cruz. The House began to exhibit disgust at this persistent hammering of the Mexican business, and it was with difficulty that enough members were spurred up to sustain the demand for the previous question on the passage of the resolution, although the sense of the House is by no means doubtful on this subject.

The principal interest of the day centered in the speeches made in the Committee of the Whole by Messrs. LATHAM of West Virginia, BLAINE of Maine, and SHELLABARGER of Ohio. Mr. LATHAM ably controverted the doctrine that the States have lost their individuality as States, and that they must, therefore, be treated as conquered enemies. Mr. BLAINE, in a brief speech, opposed the adoption of the amendment to the constitution which provides that suffrage instead of population shall be the basis of representation, on the ground, firstly, that it would be to degrade suffrage and create a strife among States and parties to create new voters with every recurring census; and, secondly, that it would reduce the representation of the older States unduly in consequence of the emigration of voters from them to the newer States. Mr. BLAINE pressed his points strongly, and proposed a modification of the amendment so that representation shall still be based on population, but that any persons who shall be excluded by the laws of any State from suffrage on account of race or color, shall be deducted from the population in making the estimate for apportionment. The practical operation of this proposition would be to restrict the effect of the proposed amendment to those States which shall exclude the negro from the right of voting.

Mr. SHELLABARGER followed Mr. BLAINE, and read a compact and powerful speech in support of the doctrine of State suicide. It was the ablest argument that has yet been made on that side. A large portion of it was devoted to a reply to the speech of Mr. RAYMOND.

The resolution of Mr. WILLIAMS, of Pennsylvania, which passed to-day, is a specimen of the manner in which some of the radical gentlemen evince their anxiety to avoid a conflict. It proposes, as the sense of the House, that the maintenance of the authority of the government and the protection of loyal citizens at the South, demand that the military force now in the Southern States shall not be withdrawn until Congress shall have ascertained, and report that it can be safely done. This is a direct interference with the constitutional prerogative of the President, as Commander-in-Chief. Suppose the War Department and Gen. GRANT continue to muster out troops and reduce expenses, are these gentlemen going to put a stop to it? It is quite remarkable that while these Radicals profess the greatest anxiety to avoid a conflict with the President, they are constantly provoking it by such resolutions.

Mr. MORRILL, Chairman of the Ways and Means, to-day reported Secretary MCCULLOCH's bill to authorize the issue of bonds for funding obligations of the United States, and for other purposes. The bill enables the Secretary of the Treasury to fund United States notes, Treasury notes, temporary loans, clearing-house certificates, certificates of indebtedness, and the floating debt of every description, and to pay whatever amount may be required for the existing and matured indebtedness and current expenses of the government. The Secretary is authorized to issue, to the amount that may be required, coupon registered bonds of the United States, payable in not over forty years from date, and redeemable at such time after date as may be fixed by him. Such bonds may be sold, and principal and interest may be made payable either in the United States or in Europe, and such of said bonds as are payable in the United States shall bear interest at not over six per cent.; and bonds payable in Europe shall bear interest at not over five per cent., principal and interest payable in coin. The Secretary is authorized to sell the bonds at their market value for coin, or for foreign coin or exchange, or for United States notes, Treasury notes, National bank notes, or any other obligation of the United States. He may also exchange any bonds authorized by this act for any other bonds of the United States, or for any bonds authorized by this act, and they are to be exempt from State or municipal taxation. The bill further provides that compound interest notes, now a legal tender for their face, shall cease to be a legal tender from and after their maturity. Section 7 repeals the Sinking Fund Act of July, 1862.

Mr. RAYMOND introduced a bill to-day to appoint a commission, to consist of the Postmaster, the Mayor and the President of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of New-York, to select and purchase a site and erect a building for a post-office in that city; the selection of the site and the adoption of plans for the building to be subject to the approval of the Postmaster-General.

Mr. RAYMOND also introduced a bill to amend all existing naturalization laws, by striking out the words which limit their operations to white citizens, so that black men can be naturalized and receive passports. Another section declares that all persons born or to be born in the United States, shall be considered citizens of the United States, and entitled to all the rights and privileges of citizenship, without distinction of race or color. This gives colored persons access as parties and as witnesses in all State and United States courts.

A proposition was referred to the Committee on Banks and Currency to-day, in the House, to report upon the expediency of making National bank-notes a legal tender.

The Air-Line Railroad Bill proper, proposing a new route to New-York, was introduced into the House to-day by Mr. STEVENS; though there is great question of its passage, yet a strong argument in its favor is coincident with its introduction, namely, the delay and interruption of railway travel to-day by the ice in the Susquehanna at Havre-de-Grace. The preamble to the bill sets forth that the necessities of the government require the construction of a national military and postal railroad between the Cities of Washington and New-York. Among the corporators named are Alex. T. Stewart, Henry G. Stebbins, Marshall O. Roberts, Alex. S. Diven, C. G. Miller, R. B. Minturn, D. Hoadly, Charles A. Secor, Dean Richmond, H. B. Claflin and Wm. B. Duncan, of New-York; Judson Kilpatrick and Marcus L. Ward, of New-Jersey; a large number from Pennsylvania, and Geo. A. Riggs and H. K. Cooke, of District of Columbia; B. F. Newcombe and Geo. F. Small, of Maryland. The second section authorizes the company in the name and behalf of the United States to survey, locate, lay out, construct, equip, maintain, operate, use, collect tolls upon, and enjoy a continuous line of railway with one or more tracks between the cities of Washington and New-York. The engineer is to be appointed by the corporation, but to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior. The route is to be through the States of Maryland, Pennsylvania and New-Jersey, and first-class passengers are to be carried at three cents a mile, and the road is to cross the Susquehanna River above tide water.

THE FREEDMEN—COMMUNICATION FROM GEN. HOWARD.

The following was communicated to the House to-day:

To the House of Representatives:

In answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 20th of December, 1865, directing the Superintendent of the Freedmen's Bureau to inform this House whether any real estate seized under the act of 17th of July, 1864, as enemy's property, and the title of which by that act was vested in the United States, had been assigned or allotted to freedmen for a residence and homestead by order of any department of the government; and if so, whether the same has been restored to the rebel owner, and the people of color ordered off, and by whose authority; and also, whether the abandoned plantations had been occupied and thus restored; and, if known to the said Superintendent of the Bureau, to state under what pretence of authority property once vested in the United States under the confiscation of enemies' not as traitors' property, was taken from the United States and bestowed on conquered enemies. I have the honor to submit the following information: A number of pieces of property seized and condemned under the act of July, 17, 1864, are occupied by freedmen under the supervision of this bureau. The records of this office do not show, however, that only such property has been actually allotted to them for homesteads. No property of this character occupied by freedmen has been restored to former owners. A large number of abandoned plantations have been occupied by freedmen, and in the States of South Carolina and Georgia a few plantations of this character have been actually allotted to freedmen as homesteads under the provisions of Gen. SHERMAN's Special Field Order No. 15. The records of this office show that no plantations so allotted have been restored to former owners. Many of the abandoned plantations occupied by, but not allotted to freedmen, have been restored to former owners; but in such cases care has always been taken to prevent suffering resulting from such action. No property vested in the United States under the confiscation of enemies' property has been taken from the United States and bestowed on conquered enemies. Evidence that property has not been libelled under the act of July 17, 1864, or, if libelled, that proceedings against it have been dismissed by the United States Courts is always required before property in the hands of the bureau is restored to former owners. It is proper, however, to state that the amount of property held as enemies' property and the amount actually alloted to freedmen as homesteads is a very small proportion of the entire amount in the hands of this bureau. The real property turned over to it at its organization was seized for the most part as abandoned. It was intended not only to allot this to freedmen, but also to use it as a means of revenue; for the latter purpose it had already become exceedingly useful and valuable to the bureau, and measures had been initiated to use portions for the former purpose when, on the 16th of August, instructions were received to the effect that abandoned property should be restored to former owners when pardoned. Under those instructions the bureau has parted with the greater part of this property. Its tenure upon it has been rendered so uncertain that the steps taken to allot it to freedmen have been counterminded in most instances, and its revenue has been so curtailed that it is not a self-supporting institution. Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) O. O. HOWARD, Maj.-Gen. Com'd'g.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8, 1866.

IN REGARD TO THE TEST OATH.

The Secretary of the Treasury to-day communicated the following statement of one of his Assessors of the Internal Revenue, showing the difficulty in finding officers who can take the test oath:

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE, THIRD DISTRICT OF GEORGIA, AUGUSTA, Dec, 20, 1865.

SIR: I am constrained to write you in relation to the repeal or modification of the test oath, so far as it relates to the internal revenue officers, at least Assessors, in the Southern States. I have labored assiduously to find competent men who could take the oath for assistants, and have to report that I failed to find any such except in a single instance, in my district, comprising twenty-three of the most populous counties in the State of Georgia. I have organized my district by allowing my assistants to take the oath of office and allegiance, and proceed to the discharge of their duties, trusting to Congress to provide for their payment, as directed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Many of the men are much reduced in circumstances by the war, and stand in imperative need of their pay, in order to provide for their families, and, indeed, some of them will be compelled soon to resign their places in order to engage in some business that will yield them ready money on which to live. I am satisfied that unless something is done in this matter immediately I shall be unable to assess the tax in my district. If Congress would so modify the oath as far as it relates to officers of the Internal Revenue and Post-office Department down here, I am sure it would be regarded everywhere and prove to be a patriotic measure, in which both North and South are equally interested. Unless something of the kind is done I am at a loss to know what we are to do.

Respectfully, J. BOWLES,
Assessor Third District of Georgia.

Hon. HUGH MCCULLOCH, Secretary of the Treasury.

UNITED STATES OBLIGATIONS.

The bill reported to-day by Mr. MORRILL, from the Committee of Ways and Means, provides:

First—That the Secretary of the Treasury shall be authorized to issue to the amount that may be required coupons or registered bonds of the United States, payable in not over forty years from date, and redeemable at such time after date as may be fixed by him; that such bonds may be sold, and the principal and interest may be made payable, either in the United States or in Europe, and such bonds as are payable at the Treasury of the United States shall bear interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, and such as are made payable, principal and interest, in Europe shall bear interest not over five per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually; the portion payable at the Treasury shall be paid in the coin of the United States, and that payable in Europe shall be paid in the coin or currency of the country in which they shall be made payable; the Secretary of the Treasury shall fix the denominations to be issued, and may dispose of the bonds at the market value for foreign coin or exchange, United States notes, Treasury notes or notes of National banks, or other obligations of the United States, and may exchange them for any other bonds of the United States; the bonds shall not be taxable by State or municipal authority.

Second—That these bonds shall be in such form as the Secretary of the Treasury may direct, and shall bear the written signatures of the Register of the Treasury, or other officers appointed to sign the same, and also, as an evidence of lawful issue, the imprint of a copy of the seal of the Treasury.

Third—Appropriates money for the necessary expenses of engraving, printing and preparing, issuing and selling, and for agents for this purpose in Europe.

Fourth—Makes it a felony to engrave, transfer, import or sell materials for such notes, except by authority of the Secretary, with a penalty of $20,000, or by imprisonment not exceeding twenty years, or both.

Fifth—Re-enacts all laws against counterfeiting applicable to these issues.

Sixth—Provides that the interest-bearing Treasury notes shall no longer be a legal-tender.

Seventh—Repeals the provision for a one per centum sinking fund.

MEASURES TO PREVENT SMUGGLING.

The Commissioner of Customs, Hon. N. SARGENT, having called together the Collectors and Special Treasury Agents of the Northern frontier, a meeting of these officers was held to-day in the Treasury Department to consult upon measures to prevent smuggling. The law as it now stands is found insufficient, and smugglers readily avail themselves of its weak points. Several drafts of bills were prepared to-day for presentation to Congress. The Commissioner has every assurance that Congress will immediately pass stringent laws that will put an end to the smuggling traffic.

PRIZE MONEY.

During the rebellion our government has paid $950,000 prize money. The business in this branch of the Third Auditor's Office has been kept up so promptly that now prizes are paid within a week after the presentation of the petition therefor. In the months of November and December last 26 prize cases were disposed of.

FIFTY CENT FRACTIONAL CURRENCY.

A half million dollars in the new fifty cent fractional currency will be ready for distribution next week. This new issue bears upon it a very fine likeness of Gen. SPINNER, the U. S. Treasurer.

THE ASSASSINATION CONSPIRATORS.

The awards for the capture of BOOTH and his confederate assassins has at length been determined in the War Department. The names of those adjudged to be entitled to portions of these awards will be made public in a few days.

MILITARY TRANSPORTATION TO TEXAS.

An Ex-General, who served under Gen. SHERMAN, has made a proposition to the government to take off its hand the entire matter of land transportation of the army in Texas. He proposes to furnish his own mules, wagons, etc., and do the whole thing for a less number of dollars in greenbacks than it has heretofore cost the government in gold dollars.

THE SALARY OF THE LATE PRESIDENT.

The Secretary of the Treasury to-day signed a warrant in favor of Mrs. LINCOLN for the sum of $25,000, less the amount Mr. LINCOLN had drawn for his salary in March last.

WHITE HOUSE LEVEES.

There will be no Presidential levees proper this season. The ladies of the White House, Mrs. PATTERSON and Mrs. STOVER, will receive company on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 1 P. M., on Fridays from 1 to 3 o'clock P. M. At these receptions the President will be present from time to time as his inclination may prompt, or the pressure of executive business will permit. The first reception takes place to-morrow evening.

ARMY AND NAVY PAYMENTS.

The Treasury disbursed for the week ending last Saturday to the Navy and War Departments $13,700,000; namely, to the War Department, $13,079,000; to the Navy Department, $621,000.

A NOVEL CASE.

A case of considerable interest, and involving novel legal questions, has just been presented to the government by an employé in the Navy Department, who asks remuneration for the use of his patent. It appears that while in the employ of the government he made certain valuable discoveries in machinery, which saved the United States Government several hundred thousand dollars; that immediately upon making his discovery he applied for and in due time received a patent for it. It is urged as against his present claim that he was receiving from the government his per diem regularly for his services, and that his skill and ingenuity were part of the consideration for which he was so paid. The claimant asserts that his discovery was the result of study and the work of his brain at his hours of leisure, and that the government therefore, if for no other reason, has no right whatever to the use of his patent.

THE CASE OF KOHNSTAMM.

Effort is being made here for the pardon of SOLOMON KOHNSTAMM, the notorious criminal who was sentenced by Judge NELSON to ten years' imprisonment in Sing Sing. KOHNSTAMM was indicted on forty-eight indictments by the Grand Jury, and convicted on the first and only one trial. A civil suit is now pending against KOHNSTAMM's estate for about a quarter of a million of dollars that it is alleged he obtained from the Government by fraud. From their known complicity with this criminal, two disbursing officers committed suicide, viz.: Capt. ELLWOOD, who cut his throat, and Capt. T. S. LARAND, who, after making a written confession of his guilt, drowned himself. The Attorney General sometime since reported adversely upon KOHNSTAMM's application for pardon.

THE FUNERAL OF GEN. W. HICKEY.

The funeral of Gen. WM. HICKEY, Chief Clerk of the Senate, took place to-day. Among the pall bearers were Senator WILSON and Col. JOHN W. FORNEY.

THE CASE OF DETECTIVE BAKER.

On account of the absence of one of the Judges of the court, the indictment against Government Detective L. C. BAKER for robbery was not tried to-day. The case will be called up on Wednesday.

A STEAMER DESTROYED.

The agents in Alexandria, Va., have received news of the destruction of the steamer *Liberty*, of the Express line between Alexandria and Philadelphia. The fire occurred on Thursday night, between 12 and 1 o'clock, off Cedar Point, on the Potomac River. The vessel was run in to the Maryland shore, and barely reached it in time to save the lives of the officers and crew. The vessel and cargo were a total loss, the vessel having burnt to the water's edge before they left.

THE ANNAPOLIS NAVAL ACADEMY.

The expenses of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, as appears from a communication of the Secretary of the Treasury, presented to the House to-day, amount to the aggregate of $1,150,829 20 since the year 1845.

The amount expended for lands, buildings and appurtenances from the third quarter of 1845 to June 30, 1865, is $898,768 65; and for salaries from the first quarter of 1846 to June 30, 1865, $252,060 55.

EDUCATION IN ILLINOIS.

The State Educational Convention of Illinois, held at Joliet last week, on motion of the State Superintendant, adopted unanimously a resolution in favor of the Bureau of Education proposed by Mr. DONNELLY, and called upon their Representatives in Congress to sustain such a measure, and appointed the President of the State Normal University to confer with the educational conventions of other States. Similar resolutions have been adopted unanimously in the educational conventions of Michigan and Indiana. A National Educational Convention, to meet in this city, is talked of, to take action in reference to popular education in the Southern States.

MEMORY OF THE LATE PRESIDENT.

The select committee to devise suitable means to testify the national respect for the late President LINCOLN had a meeting this morning, and selected the Hon. GEORGE BANCROFT to deliver the eulogy in February next, in place of EDWIN M. STANTON, declined.

MILD WEATHER AT WASHINGTON.

The thermometer at sunset was 16 degrees above zero.

THE NEW-YORK AND WASHINGTON RAILROAD BILL

The bill introduced by Representative STEVENS to-day sets forth that the necessities of the government require the construction of a national military and postal railroad between the cities of Washington and New-York. The company is authorized in the name and on behalf of the United States to survey, locate, lay out, construct, equip, maintain, operate, use, collect tolls upon and enjoy a continuous line of railway with one or more tracks between the cities of Washington and New-York. The engineer is to be appointed by the corporation, but to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior. The route is to be through the States of Maryland, Pennsylvania and New-Jersey, and first-class passengers are to be carried at three cents per mile, and the road is to cross the Susquehanna River above tide water.

THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

SENATE....MONDAY, Jan. 8.

NEGRO SUFFRAGE IN WASHINGTON.

The President *pro tem.* laid before the Senate a communication from the Mayor of Washington, transmitting the results of the late election in the city on the subject of negro suffrage; which was ordered to lie upon the table.

SOUTHERN STATUTES OF LIMITATION.

Mr. MORGAN, of New-York, (Union,) presented the memorial of the New-York Chamber of Commerce, asking for legislation to protect Northern creditors from the operation of Southern statutes of limitation; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EQUALIZATION OF PAY AND BOUNTY.

Several petitions of soldiers in the late war, asking for an equalization of pay and bounty, were offered and referred.

CREDENTIALS PRESENTED.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Maryland, (Dem.,) presented the credentials of RANDALL HUNT, Senator elect from the State of Louisiana; which were ordered to lie upon the table.

NEUTRALITY TOWARD MEXICO.

Mr. MCDOUGALL, of California, (Dem.,) offered a resolution calling on the President for information in regard to the issue of an order from the commanding officers of California, forbidding the exportation of arms over the frontier, and whether such order was not a violation of neutrality toward Mexico; which was adopted.

THE CLAIMS OF LOYAL SLAVE-OWNERS.

Mr. CRESSWELL, of Maryland, (Union,) offered a resolution, which was adopted, calling for information as to why the commission authorized to investigate the claims of loyal slave-owners to compensation for colored volunteers owing service to them, had not been appointed.

The Senate at 12:30 adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

PUBLIC LANDS IN SOUTHERN STATES.

Mr. RICE, of Maine, (Union,) introduced a bill for the disposition of the public lands as homesteads in the States of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisana, Arkansas and Florida; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) from the Committee on Appropriations, reported a bill making additional appropriations to supply deficiencies for sundry civil expenses of the government for the year ending June 30, 1866; which was ordered to be printed.

THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU.

Mr. ELIOT, of Massachusetts, (Union,) from the Committee on Freedmen's Affairs, reported a bill to amend the act to establish a bureau for the relief of freedmen and refugees.

THE NATURALIZATION LAWS.

Mr. RAYMOND, of New-York, (Union,) introduced a bill to amend the several acts of Congress relative to naturalization, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

THE NEW-YORK POST-OFFICE.

Mr. RAYMOND also introduced a bill providing for the appointment of a Commissioner to purchase a site and erect thereon a building for a Post-office in the City of New-York; which was referred to the Post-office Committee.

PENSIONS FOR SOLDIERS OF 1812.

Mr. MILLER, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) introduced a bill, which was referred, granting pensions to soldiers of the war of 1812 with Great Britain.

THE HARBOR OF MICHIGAN CITY.

On motion of Mr. ORTH, of Indiana, (Union,) it was resolved that the Committee on Commerce inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation by Congress for the completion of the harbor at Michigan City, Ind.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS.

Mr. ORTH presented the resolutions of the State of Indiana in reference to the interference of European Powers in the affairs of the Republic of Mexico; which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

REDEMPTION OF MUTILATED BILLS.

On motion of Mr. ANCONA, of Pennsylvania, (Dem.,) it was resolved that the Committee on Banking and the Currency be requested to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the redemption of mutilated, defaced and worn out fractional currency by the United States Internal Revenue Collectors or other financial agents of the government in the several collection districts of the country.

MILITARY RAILROAD FROM NEW-YORK TO WASHINGTON.

Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, introduced a bill authorizing the building of a military and postal railroad from Washington to New-York.

Mr. GARFIELD, of Ohio, (Union,) also introduced a bill for the establishment of a railroad between Washington and New-York, and to constitute the same a military highway and postal route. They were both referred to the select committee on that subject.

NATIONAL LABORATORY AND MINING ASSOCIATION.

Mr. MOREHEAD, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) introduced a bill to incorporate the National Laboratory and Mining Association; which was referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

WAR CLAIMS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

Mr. FRANCIS THOMAS, of Maryland, (Union,) introduced a bill providing for ascertaining and adjusting claims against the Government for injury or destruction of property by the military during the late rebellion; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

BILL TO INCORPORATE A STATIONERY COMPANY.

Mr. WARNER, of Ohio, (Union,) introduced a bill to incorporate the National Union Envelope and Paper Stamping Company of Washington; which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

BOUNTIES TO SOLDIERS AND SEAMEN OF 1861.

Mr. O'NEILL, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) introduced a bill, which was referred, granting bounty and additional bounty to soldiers, seamen, and marines in the war of 1861, or their heirs; providing that those who entered the service on and after the 18th day of April, 1861, and before the 9th of April, 1865, to serve for one year or more, shall have a bounty of three hundred dollars, deducting the amount already received; those who entered previous to the 13th of April, 1861, three hundred dollars; those who entered between the 13th of April, 1861, and the 9th of April, 1865, for one year, one hundred dollars—those who reënlisted not to have charged against the amount of their first bounty; those who have been promoted from the ranks to be commissioned officers to have a bounty; in case of the death of the soldier, seaman or marine, the bounty to be payable, first to his widow; second, if no widow, to his children; if minors, to their guardians; third, if no widow or children, then to the father; if no father, then to the mother; if neither father nor mother, then to the brothers and sisters.

NAVIGATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

Mr. HOGAN, of Missouri, (Dem.,) introduced a bill for the protection of the navigation of the Mississippi River and its navigable tributaries; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

THE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS.

Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, (Union,) introduced a bill, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to secure the benefit of the writ of *habeas corpus* to persons held in servitude, contrary to the Constitution of the United States.

KIDNAPPING AN AMERICAN CHILD.

Mr. SMITH, of Kentucky, (Union,) offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the President communicate to this House, if in his opinion not incompatible with the public interests, any correspondence or other information in possession of the government, in regard to the kidnapping of a child of an American lady in the City of Mexico, by the usurper of that republic, so-called Emperor, under the pretence of making such child a Prince, and whether the United States has been asked to interfere, with a view to have the child restored to its parents, and what action, if any, had been taken upon the subject.

THE PHILADELPHIA NAVY-YARD.

Mr. KELLY, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) offered a resolution, which was agreed to, that the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to accept from the City of Philadelphia, on behalf of the government, the title to League Island, and to provide for the sale of the existing Navy-yard at Philadelphia, as soon as it can be accomplished consistently with the public good, and report by bill or otherwise.

THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE MILITARY FROM THE SOUTH.

Mr. WILLIAMS, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That in order to the maintenance of the national authority and the protection of loyal citizens of the seceded States, it is the sense of the House that the military forces of the government should not be withdrawn from those States until the two Houses of Congress shall have ascertained and declared that their further presence there is no longer necessary.

The resolution was agreed to—yeas 94; nays 37.

YEAS—Messrs. Ames, Anderson, Ashley of Nevada, Baker, Banks, Baxter, Beaman, Benjamin, Bidwell, Bingham, Blaine, Boutwell, Broomall, Bundy, Clarke of Ohio, Clarke of Kansas, Cobb, Conklin, Cook, Cullon, Defrees, Deming, Donnelly, Driggs, Eggleston, Elliot, Farnsworth, Farquhar, Ferry, Garfield, Grinnell, Harding of Illinois, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Higby, Hills, Holmes, Hooper, Hubbard of Iowa, Hubbard of West Virginia, Hubbard of Connecticut, Hubbell of Ohio, Hubbard, Jenckes, Julian, Kelso, Kelley, Ketchum, Kuykendall, Laffin, Lawrence of Ohio, Loan, Longyear, Lynch, Marvin, McClurg, McKee, McKnight, Marcy, Miller, Morehead, Monfil, Morris, Moulton, Myers, O'Neil, Orth, Paine, Plants, Patterson, Price, Rice of Massachusetts, Rollins, Sawyer, Scofield, Shellabarger, Spalding, Stevens, Thayer, Trowbridge, Upson, Van Aernam, Van Horn of New-York, Van Horn of Missouri, Ward, Warner, Washburne of Illinois, Welker, Williams, Wilson of Iowa, Windom—94.

NAYS—Messrs. Ancona, Bergen, Boyer, Brooks, Chanler, Davis, Dawson, Delano, Denison, Eldridge, Glossbrenner, Grider, Harding of Kentucky, Hogan, Hubbell of New-York, Jas. M. Humphrey, Kerr, Latham, Le Blond, Marshall, Niblack, Nicholson, Noell, Randall of Pennsylvania, Raymond, Ritter, Rogers, Ross, Smith, Stillwell, Stronse, Taber, Taylor, Voorhees, Winfield, Woodbridge, Wright—37.

FUNDING UNITED STATES OBLIGATIONS.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, (Union,) from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill authorizing the issue of bonds for funding the obligations of the United States.

Ordered to be printed.

RESOLUTIONS OF INQUIRY.

Various resolutions of inquiry on various subjects were agreed to.

RE-ISSUE OF MUTILATED BONDS.

On motion of Mr. SHELLABARGER, of Ohio, (Union,) the Committee of Ways and Means was instructed to inquire into the propriety of providing for the re-issue of mutilated bonds of the United States, and report by bill or otherwise.

THE SHENANDOAH.

A resolution was passed calling on the President for all information relative to the delivery up to the United States of the rebel pirate vessel *Shenandoah*.

EDUCATION OF COLORED CHILDREN.

Mr. ROLLINS, of New-Hampshire, (Union,) offered the following, which was agreed to:

Whereas, House rents are excessively high, and the means of educating colored children limited; therefore

Resolved, That the Committee for the District of Columbia be instructed to inquire into the expediency of imposing a tax of twenty per cent. on all rental of buildings which exceed $600 per annum, to be applied, independently of local District authorities, for the education of colored children, and to report by bill or otherwise.

POLYGAMY AND SLAVERY.

The House passed the bill heretofore offered by Mr. WARD, denouncing polygamy, and declaring that like its twin sister, slavery, it should be swept from the Territories of the Republic if it should require the whole power of the government to do so, and directing the inquiry into the conduct of certain government officials in Utah.

SPEECH OF MR. LATHAM ON THE REBELLION.

The House resolved itself into a special Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, when

Mr. LATHAM, of West Virginia, (Union,) made a speech, arguing that the rebellion was never limited by State lines, but its authority was extended only as far as its power could carry it. He therefore protested against the use of the expression that the States were out of the Union. It was a position of the people who inaugurated a government antagonistic to that of the United States. The States of Virginia, Tennessee and Arkansas were no more in rebellion when the rebel hordes operated in them than were the States of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Missouri when they were invaded and placed in similar circumstances. The rights of protection to loyal citizens everywhere were the same under the constitution. The House had been told by Union men *par excellence* that the States lately in rebellion were out of the Union, but look on the stars and stripes which wave over this Capitol. Did the House endure a "flaunting lie" in its presence? The number of States of the Union is represented on that flag. None are deficient. He announced that he was in favor of restoring the State Governments as they existed before they were overthrown by the rebellion, subject only to such changes and conditions as would make them conform to the present state of the National Government. They had not less than twenty different propositions presented as guarantees. He did not know what they were. He could not see the necessity for so much constitutional amendment. If further amendment were necessary it would be better to have a convention at once. That instrument should not be changed for slight causes. What he objected to was the determination on the part of some of the members of this House to refuse representation to these Southern States until the amendments in question were secured. He lamented the dominant party to continue their control of national affairs as they deserved to do, and they would perpetuate their power if they should act wisely and justly. But if they prevented the loyal minority from participating in the affairs of the government until the amendments were made, the constitution, instead of being the charter of liberty would become an instrument of oppression. The people would never sanction amendments to the constitution merely to benefit or advance the mere interests of a party. He repeated, he would admit Southern Representatives, but the applicants must be loyal—loyal all the time and all the way through, and must take the test oath. This, however, would not be a bar to further investigations. He must also be satisfied as to whether the constituency was sufficiently loyal, and whether the States from which they came could support Republican Governments in harmony with the Government of the United States, without the support of the military authorities. Each applicant for a seat should stand on his own merits; such as are qualified should be admitted. Restoration, he thought, had been retarded, and the question complicated, by civil power being reëstablished too soon with whitewashed rebels.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Mr. BLAINE, of Maine, (Union,) had presented a resolution, which was referred to the Joint Committee on Reconstruction, proposing to amend the constitution as follows: Article 1, section 2, clause 3, shall read as follows:

To the first period: Representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of persons, except those to whom political rights or privileges are denied or abridged by the constitution or laws of any State on account of race or color.

Mr. BLAINE having obtained the floor in the committee, supported this constitutional amendment, pointing out the grave objections to the amendment which proposes to base Representation on suffrage. Should that be adopted the grossest inequalities would result among and between loyal States. California, with scarcely a larger population than Vermont, and the same number of representatives, would, on the suffrage basis, have nearly three times as many members of this House, and New-York, with eleven times the population of California, would not have five times as many Representatives. Indiana, with only eight per cent. more population than Massachusetts, would have fifty per cent. more representation. Mr. BLAINE pointed out other irregularities, and contended that all these would be avoided by the adoption of the amendment proposed by him, which would simply deprive the Southern States of a representation based on that portion of the negroes were enfranchised. It would leave the relative representation of the loyal States just as it is to-day, and in curing an evil, would not precipitate others of greater magnitude.

SPEECH OF MR. SHELLABARGER.

Mr. SHELLABARGER proposed to debate the question whether the thing which could not commence to be a State, until it acquired all the constitutional qualities of a State, could continue to be one after it had lost them all. If he debated, and with reference to incident things, it must be remembered that he was only conforming to the usages of Congress. [Laughter.] He showed by constitutional authority that the constitution recognized the States in two distinct characters. One was the geographical State with its inhabitants. In this sense a State may lose; a Republican Government may be guaranteed or given it by the United States. In this sense parts of it may be taken to make a new State. In another important constitutional sense, a State is an organized body politic, having defined territory, people, constitution and laws which recognized and rendered obedience to the United States, and held certain resulting rights and powers of government thereunder. In this last sense the State as a body politic could be dissolved by rebellion. It was then the power and duty of the United States to determine when a new republican government was established by its people. He quoted numerous authorities to show that, even under the law of nations there could be no State whose people did not habitually obey, first the law of nations, and then, also, their own laws. These people who habitually defied both the international law and the constitution and laws of the United States, which were the supreme laws of their own States, could not be recognized by our Union as a State whenever the less rigorous and more obscure rules of public law would blot them out as not being States. A State in the Union must have all the properties of an international State, with also the additional one of being recognized by and owing allegiance to the United States, and it recognizing and indorsing that allegiance. The gentleman from New-York, Mr. RAYMOND, had stated that the constitution dealt only with individuals and not States, and from this the gentleman had drawn the deduction that individuals and not States forfeited their rights by treason; but the gentleman should remember that the whole constitution was pervaded in more than fifty distinct provisions with what he called a dealing with States as States. It imposes on them restraints and confers rights, and these obligations and rights are inseparable. Whenever obligations are repudiated by States their rights cease. There is in all governments, human and divine, the enjoyment of rights and powers which perish along with the destruction of all recognized obligations. Mr. SHELLABARGER quoted the reported decisions of the United States Supreme Court repudiating the doctrine that all the individuals of a State can cease, as individuals, to have any political rights, and yet when united and called a State hold the right and power of making Senators, choosing Presidential Electors and amending constitution. If these State powers are absolutely vital. If disloyal States put their own action and without leaving the United States can exercise them, the government cannot survive an hour. Every department of the government, legislative, executive and judicial, is irrevocably committed to the proposition that a loyal political States have ceased to exist in the rebel districts. Congress is so committed by many acts, such as those of the 13th and 30th of July, 1861, and other revenue and commercial acts. It has closed the rebel ports to all commerce. If these ports were the ports of a State, the United States would have no right to show any preference against them. A tariff act could not close South Carolina ports and leave New-York ports open. The President, when the war was over, and when the old loyal constitutions and laws had returned into force, if the mere overthrow of the rebellion could revive them, had treated them as not in force by his proclamation of the 29th of May, 1865 and others, ordering constitutions to be made and amended, in utter disregard of the provisions in their old constitutions for their own amendment. The President prescribed what body should do this work, who should vote at the election for members of this body, what oath they should take, and who might sit in the convention. Every one of these requirements made by the President was in defence of the terms of the old constitutions. In this same proclamation the President stated expressly that his power to issue such orders was found in the constitutional power of the United States to guarantee republican governments to States which had lost them. The United States Supreme Court had decided the same principle in two cases—that of Mrs. ALEXANDER and the prize cases. It decided that the rebel States made their war as States, availing themselves of the subordinate allegiance their citizens owed to the States, and that all their people, guilty and innocent, were by such a war turned into enemies, but not into foreigners. Hence, unless a State could be an enemy of the United States, and at the same time a governing member of the Union, the Supreme Court has decided that the rebels ceased to be governing States, but did not cease to be subjects liable for treason. Mr. SHELLABARGER quoted the constitution, the decisions of the Supreme Court, and a large number of legal authorities to show where a State has overthrown its loyal republican government and lost its powers as such, it was the exclusive province of the United States, acting through its legislative branch, to determine when a new loyal republican government had been created which it was bound to recognize and defend. He would welcome these States back, and would welcome the hour that brought them, with governments based upon general and sincere loyalty, and upon a recognition of the rights of their loyal citizens. If it were asked, how long will you keep them out if you cannot secure these conditions of return, he would sorrowfully but inexorably answer, forever.

Before the conclusion of his speech the gentleman's hour expired, but by unanimous consent the time was extended, and at its close he was surrounded and congratulated by many members, while general applause was manifested on the Republican side.

The Committee

THE GREAT WEST.

CALIFORNIA.

The Gutter-Snipes of San Francisco—Singular Idiosyncrasies—The "Emperor Norton I."—The "Two Dogs," Sumner and Lazarus—Unprofitable Sheep-Dog—Political and Miscellaneous Gossip.

From Our Own Correspondent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Friday, Dec. 8, 1865.

For a week or ten days past we have been having some of the most remarkable weather and more of it than was ever before known in San Francisco at this season of the year. It has been clear and cold—usually it is wet and warm. Day before yesterday a horse-trough actually "skimmed over"—think of that.

The unprecedented coldness of the weather has been rough upon the "gutter-snipes." Perhaps, though, you do not know what manner of bird these be. Let me tell you. We have any number of Chinamen who rake the gutters for rags, broken bottles, pieces of tin and other *debris*, answering to the *chiffoniers* of other cities; but these are not the real out-and-out "gutter-snipe."

What would you say to see a man tolerably well dressed, wearing a primrose jauntily in his button-hole, down upon his knees, scooping remnants of apples, cabbages, very cold potatoes, etc., out from the gutters and devouring them ravenously? Prompted by charity you might perhaps offer him two bits, to go and get something approaching a square meal with, but he would repulse you angrily. This is an everyday sight with us.

There are two beings here known as gutter-snipes. One is an old Frenchman, wearing an old and patched oilskin coat, a glazed slouched hat, and pantaloons too old and far gone to mention. The dirt upon his face and hands is the accumulation of years. He has not washed himself probably in ten years. His hair hangs around his face in matted locks. And such a picture of penury and squalidness I venture to say was never before presented on earth. He sleeps in a hollow tree away out in the sand-hills, refuses all offers of assistance or food, but may daily be seen grubbing around in the gutters for garbage, which he greedily devours. Of course he is crazy. His insanity is harmless, however. He never addresses a human being; never pays the slightest attention to what is said to him; and is so permitted to indulge his disgusting idiosyncrasies. In any other city in the world I venture to say that he would be put into a safe asylum very speedily. There is a story current that he lost a little fortune by the breaking of some bank and became misanthropic. I should think so. Do you know I never see him without thinking of Diogenes, and imagining that Diogenes must have been very much such another being? Who knows that this dirty old lunatic will not at some distant day be made to figure in history as a philosopher?

Of the other peripatetic I have already spoken. He is more cleanly in his person than the hermit and has the air of one who has seen better days. There is a shabby genteelness in his dress. His pantaloons come but little below his knees, and his coat is buttoned to conceal the absence of linen; but his hat is always set rakishly on one side, and he invariably wears the before-mentioned primrose in his button-hole. He ogles the ladies as they pass him and evidently considers that his dangerous days are not yet done. Were it not for seeing him make an occasional and sudden dive into the gutters you might think him a dilapidated Brummel.

Having once commenced the list I may as well go on and enumerate the other eccentricities who form features of our metropolis.

Have you ever heard of "Emperor Norton"—Norton I., as he styles himself in his State documents? He, too, like both the before-mentioned characters, is French. Once a commission merchant in Front-street, he lost his rix dollars and his reason at the same time, and set up as an Emperor on his own account. He calls himself Emperor of the United States of North America, and issues bulletins whenever anything important transpires in the social or political world. These bulletins he carries around to the different newspapers, and insists upon their publication, under the penalty, in event of a non-compliance with his wishes, of a suppression of the paper. Formerly they printed them, but now the fun of the thing has become rather stale. He is a large, powerfully-built man, and dresses in uniform—of the rustiest dirtiest kind, but always mounting a Brigadier-General's stars. It frequently happens that the officers of a foreign man-of-war salute him under the impression that he is indeed a dignitary of high rank. He carries a ponderous knotted cane, and has all the air of an Emperor, were it not for his dirtiness. His nose is immense, and upon the end of it grows a scattering chapparel of hair, which does not add to his personal comeliness. He lives around at the free-lunch tables, occasionally picking up a two-bit piece from some charitably disposed person. If he has any place to sleep it is more than any one positively knows. There be those who say he is not crazy at all, but simply adopts his eccentricities as an easy way of getting a living. Indeed, there is a deal of method in his madness.

We had another character, but shipped him East to you some months ago. His name was COOMBS, and he was popularly known as "Uncle Freddy," or "Washington the Second." Formerly he was a phrenologist, and at one time stood high in the employ of FOWLER & WELLS. What turned his head I do not know, but some set it down to personal vanity. He is a singularly handsome old man, with long flowing white hair like the pictures of revolutionary heroes, and he prides himself on his resemblance to WASHINGTON. His resemblance to FRANKLIN is indeed remarkable. He is scrupulously neat in his person, wearing knee-breeches and alternating between a suit of black velvet and one of buckskin. He carries a banner, whereon he advertises himself as "The Free Ditcher and Original Matrimonial Promoter;" also proclaiming: "He gave like a Prince to live like a beggar." He is very vain of his personal appearance, and will stand for hours patting the calf of his leg—of which he indeed has reason to be proud—and smiling like a gratified cherub if a lady lets a glance fall upon him for a single instant. All this while I have been writing of Uncle Freddy in the present tense, forgetting that he had gone from our shores.

Then there were Bummer and Lazarus—"the two dogs"—and the most remarkable two dogs that were ever paired together. Bummer was a good-sized curly-haired fellow, portly and well-to-do, looking as though he might fill the office of canine alderman. His lower jaw had a strange, sinister twist, that gave him a sneering expression of countenance, and he was great on rats. A more sagacious dog never lived. Once he was made a party to a great practical joke. A farmer, in one of the lower counties, wanting a sheep-dog, sent to this city for one, and a wag shipped him down Bummer. The farmer delighted at his looks turned him into the field, and the next morning half his sheep were dead. Bummer returned to San Francisco without waiting for a character or a discharge. He won his name by his habits. He never attached himself to any one or to any place and owned no master. But about the time that the lunch-tables were spread he was always around, gravely expectant. After lunching, he would retire to a sunny place upon the sidewalk, and stretch himself out to sleep, always keeping one eye open for a stray rat. His positive qualities made such an impression upon a lean dog, of the non-committal breed, as to win for him an earnest adherent and admirer. This other dog was christened Lazarus; what Boswell was to Johnson was Lazarus to Bummer. They were always together; at the lunch-table, Lazarus would wait until Bummer was served, and then obtrude his claims. In the siesta he always slept with his head resting affectionately upon Bummer's haunches. If a rat happened along, Bummer had the first snap; in all things Lazarus yielded the precedent to his friend. In return, Bummer fought Lazarus's battles, for Bummer was mighty on the muscle, and I suspect he got that twist to his lower jaw in mortal combat. There is a law against dogs running at large in the streets, but special action was taken by the Supervisors in the case of these two, and they were granted the freedom of the city. Lazarus died some two years ago. How he reconciled it with the habit of his life to die first, when he clearly owed Bummer precedence, no one knows; but it is thought he was poisoned. Bummer, for months afterward, was disconsolate. Several ill-conditioned curs attempted to fill the place made vacant, but he shook them off, and refused all sympathy. He visibly mourned, but he did not visibly fall off in flesh; on the contrary, he visibly swelled, seeming to be affected with a kind of dropsy, so that he at last got nearly as large around as a barrel, and people would roll him over like one with their feet as he lay on the sidewalk. A few weeks ago he died, in rural retirement, having been sent out to a ranch in the hope that his health might be benefited. Every paper in the city gave him an obituary notice; and, as a general thing, these obituaries were more to the point, and evinced a better knowledge of the life and public services of the deceased than did those in the same papers of the British Premier, whose demise occurred about the same time.

Above I have given you sketches of institutions as well known in San Francisco as in the City Hall in New-York. They have figured in every local sketch and caricature for years past, and will continue to for years to come, until the grasping hand of death shall be extended to gather the rest of these curiosities into a mightier museum.

Had I time I would tell you about the drives that this vicinity affords, the race tracks, the fast stock and the horsemen; but the subject is too comprehensive to be grasped in the middle, or rather at the close of a letter.

The elections are all over, and what is known as the People's party has met with a very general defeat. The People's party, you know, grew out of the Vigilante element, and until the present year held absolute sway and control. That its prestige has now departed is wholly the fault of its rulers. Intoxicated with power, and deeming themselves invincible, they pushed the patience of the people a little too far, and the result has been the upsetting of the party. Had they wielded the rod of iron with a little more discretion, and occasionally put in the kid glove, they might still be dominant, but they were tempted to their ruin. I am rather afraid that a reaction will take place, and that the same disorder will obtain here that did before the memorable days of '56. But I hope not, for it would naturally bring about a reinauguration of violent measures, and it is not pleasant to see people dangling at the ends of beams run out from windows before breakfast of mornings.

The Legislature met at Sacramento on Monday, the 4th inst., and they have already begun to get noisy. The fight of the session will turn upon Senator. The prominent candidates at the primaries were FELTON—brother of the late Prof. FELTON—and A. A. SARGENT, it being commonly supposed that Gov. LOW was out of the ring. FRED. WBILLINGS as some talked of, but he didn't see the way very clearly, and very wisely concluded not to go in until he did. The split in the Union party on the Senatorial question enabled the Democrats to return very many of their candidates to the Legislature where, of course, the battle was eventually fought. In the light of last advices from Sacramento, it looks as though Gov. LOW would be our other sober Senator. CONNESS, you know, is called "our only sober Senator." I am really glad that Gov. LOW has a likelihood of being sent to Washington; not that I dislike him, but because I wish WASHINGTON well. He is a sensible, pleasant man, gentlemanly in his habits and honorable in his impulses, and if he does not make a good Senator and become a very general favorite with the administration and his fellow members, I am very much mistaken in my conjectures.

Considerable surprise was caused here by the removal of Col. JAMES from the office of collector. A change had been hinted at some time previously, but none occurring, all anticipation of one had blown over and our people were resigning themselves contentedly to the administration of an officer of whom it could only be complained that he was too vigilant. But pop came a telegram, and off went JAMES' head into the basket. His successor, Gen. MILLER, has formerly been a resident of California, and served at the East during the war with distinguished honor, carrying a ball in his head at the present time as a trophy. But personally I am sorry for the removal of Collector JAMES. I used to like to see his tall form swinging up the street—a perfect Colossus of Rhodes—and, besides, he was a great Shakesperian scholar, carrying all of that master's best sayings at his tongue's end. He talks of going East on the next steamer, and I shall miss him greatly. Other of our Californians go East on the present steamer, and I only wish I could give them general letters of introduction to everybody; for, taken all in all, they are about as good fellows as can be found in the whole world.

C. H. W.

COLORADO.

The New State—Newspapers—Mining.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

DENVER, Colorado, Thursday, Dec. 21.

A year since Congress passed an enabling act for the admission of Colorado as a State. The vote of the people being against a State, no advantage was taken of the act.

A short time since a vote was obtained for the State, and the different official positions filled. As a general result the persons elected to office are men of integrity and capacity.

The members-elect of the two legislative houses met at Golden City on the 12th ult., and elected, after much caucusing, two gentlemen as Senators, Mr. JOSEPH CHAFFEE and Ex-Gov. EVANS. These gentlemen have left for Washington to seek for a new enabling act and ask for the admission of Colorado to the Union of States, each with a very comfortable quantity of greenbacks, the useful qualities of the article being demonstrated to them in their late election.

The Governor-elect, WILLIAM GILPIN, delivered an address, hardly a message, to the "gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly"—which is a curious collection of adjectives and other fragments of language. I inclose a copy as "the first message delivered in the State of Colorado," which will be of interest to collectors of curiosities.

There is in Colorado a strong party who are decidedly opposed to the "State arrangement." This party claim that one of the column, of which the Governor speaks in his message, struck the first ward of this city, where nearly a thousand more votes than there are inhabitants were polled.

But this Colorado is a curious place. Individuals can control the action of the people so easily that they have gradually grown to be very careless.

Persons say to me, how much I wish that I could get my papers as I used to, my DAILY TIMES seldom reaches me; when it does it is accidental.

The reason of this may be found in the fact that a stage proprietor got a law passed requiring that all papers except those sent from the office of publication should be subject to letter postage.

The method of discovering whether a paper comes from the office of publication is not known outside of the "stage office."

The periodical dealers say that they cannot afford to receive papers on which they are forced to pay so great a postage. In consequence the sight of an Eastern journal is a rare occurrence. Editors in Colorado frequently receive books of review, etc., on which they pay more than a dollar postage.

The price of the dailies issued in Denver is twenty cents per copy. For this sum one could have quite a collection of New-York papers. Of this fact the citizens are quite aware, but say it is of no use. The entire impossibility of receiving our paper when we did subscribe, made it necessary to forego the luxury.

A new stage line has lately gone into operation, and efforts are being made to have the newspaper mail carried by the new line. If this change can be effected the New-York papers will be as plenty in Colorado as they are now scarce. The entire population of this "place of mountains" seem to have a sincere wish for the success of this new line, which is known among them as the B. O. D.—when rendered in full, is the Butterfield Overland Dispatch Company.

The route over which the stages of this company are run is nearly a hundred miles shorter than that used by the other company. Added to this are greater supplies of wood and water, and exceeding picturesqueness of scenery. The vast travel across the Plains gives full occupation to the coaches, so there is no need for any feeling of rivalry on the part of either. The Indians, too, divide their attentions about alike.

The wealth of Colorado in minerals is inexhaustible. The gold is pure; so, too, is silver, but as yet no process has been discovered that obtains more than thirty per cent. of the precious metal shown by assay to be present.

Most of the processes obtain a portion of the gold, only losing the silver entirely. A new process, known as the Lyons process, is now being tried, which it is said will save both gold and silver. I am told that the persons using this method are using the tailings of other mills with a very excellent result. When I have been among the mountains, and visit these works, I shall be more competent to tell of the way "the thing is done."

Stock companies, with no money, but "lots" of feet, are plenty. But very few persons care to buy, until they are satisfied that the ore can be worked successfully.

In my next epistle I shall give an account of the different "banking houses," which are conducted much on the principle of Mr. MORRISSEY'S "oil wells" at Saratoga, only rather more so.

CROQUIS.

Christmas at Denver—Prominent Topics—The Indians—Billiards.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

DENVER, Col., Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1865.

The denizens of this fast and flourishing City of the Plains are just now devoting themselves almost exclusively to the enjoyment of the holidays. Christmas was celebrated by a race between the two fastest horses in the Territory, by several magnificent balls in the evening, by a jolly sleigh-ride for everybody, and a good time generally. At this date the sleighing is excellent, and all who can afford the expense of a half hour's ride are indulging in the luxury. Reports reach us that there are heavy snows on the Plains, and to this we attribute the delays of the mails. Our latest Eastern paper is old in New-York; still we are an independent people, and can get up news among ourselves, if necessary. The most important subjects now agitating the Denver public are the admission of Colorado as a State, the probable course which the Pacific Railroad will take in relation to Denver, and the Indians. Many of the people, in view of the prospect of Colorado becoming a State, are opposed to the convening of the Territorial Legislature. Their argument is, that Colorado will be admitted so soon that such a proceeding would be a useless formality, and besides, they affirm that no adequate provision has been made to defray the expenses of such session. It is said that these malcontents have sent letters to distant members, urging them on these grounds not to attend. In view of these facts, Gov. CUMMINGS has issued a proclamation, dated Dec. 23, wherein he urges upon all the importance and necessity of sustaining the government as it is, and advises all members of the legislative assembly to meet in accordance with law, on the first Monday in January next, and referring them to the fact that ample provision was made by the legislative assembly of last year for meeting the expenses of members, by appropriating five dollars per diem to each member, in addition to the amount provided by the General Government.

We see by the Eastern papers that Commissioners have been appointed, and are now on their way, to bring together certain factions of the Cheynene and Arrapahoe Indians, who have become alienated from each other, and to bring them into friendly relations with the United States. It is said that several runners have been sent by the chiefs of these tribes in order to bring these factious red-skins to their allegiance; but as nothing has been heard from them, it is supposed that they must have been waylaid by bloodthirsty Union soldiers. The people of this country are generally disposed to laugh at such statements as the above, published in substance in many Eastern papers. It is certain that these "runners" have a very peculiar manner of conducting themselves when proceeding on such a peaceful and magnanimous mission. A large number of Indians of the above-named tribes have crossed the different routes across the Plains during the past Autumn, and, although it is not known whether these "runners" were of the number, it is quite certain that all these bands have exercised their skill in attacking trains, destroying property, stealing cattle, horses and mules, and murdering every pale-face whom they could catch. Any one who crosses the Plains and sees the ruins of ranches destroyed, the graves of men, women and children murdered by them, and hears from truthful lips the stories of their fiendish atrocities, will involuntarily feel that his charity for the "poor Indian" is fast oozing out. The soldiers certainly do wrong in waylaying and murdering these defenceless creatures, but I find that rifle and revolver are the only means which a pale face can use to preserve his scalp in a journey across the Plains. The people who inhabit the Indian country trust more to the effect of these weapons than to the doings of commissioners, or the protection of treaties. We learn this day that troops are being concentrated at Cottonwood, on the Platte, and that an expedition, led by Gen. H. H. HEATH, is to leave that point soon for the Smoky Hill country, where it is reported a large body of Indians are gathered. It is hoped that he will be as successful as on former expeditions.

Among the sporting fraternity in town one of the greatest objects of interest is the champion billiard cue on exhibition at CHENEY'S billiard rooms. It is to be given to the most skilful billiard player in Colorado, the trial, as I understand, to take place Feb. 22, 1866. It was made in New-York, and is valued at $500. From the *Rocky Mountain Daily News* I subjoin a description of it: "The cue is made in three pieces, the first joint of rosewood, elaborately ornamented with massive gold ornaments, neatly chased. On the large end is the State arms, neatly wrought on pearl. On the heavy main ferule is inscribed as follows: 'Emblem of the Billiard Championship of Colorado.' This ferule is octagon shaped, and the seven remaining faces are left blank for future superscriptions. The whole is put up in a beautiful black walnut case, lined with blue velvet."

E. H. P.

UTAH TERRITORY.

Message of Gov. Durkee.

We give below the more important portions of the late message of GOV. CHARLES DURKEE, of Utah Territory:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, UTAH TERRITORY.
GREAT SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 11, 1865.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

As the Executive of this Territory, it becomes at this time my duty to suggest to you such public measures as, in my opinion, should claim your attention at the present session of the Legislature. Before doing so, however, permit me to congratulate you and the people upon the comparatively peaceful condition of the republic.

The year which has elapsed since the last session of your body is the most brilliant in our national annals. A great and deadly conspiracy against the nation's life has been crushed. It has been demonstrated that the republic contains within itself the elements necessary to its preservation. The evil cause of the conspiracy has been utterly done away. The dignity of labor has been nobly vindicated. The manhood, the humanity of four millions of human beings have been demonstrated and acknowledged. The government, by a most solemn obligation, taken in the hour of our extremest peril, has bound itself to recognize and maintain their freedom. With the accomplishment of the patriotic purpose which called it into being, our mighty army—the hereditary terror of a free republic, the pregnant means, under ambitious leaders, of subverting the liberties of the people—has peacefully dispersed, has been absorbed in the industrial and productive classes of our citizens.

Our hopes for the future of the republic are brightened and strengthened by the conviction that the Beneficent Father of all, in the hour of our peril, has vouchsafed to us His gracious aid; that the God of nations has guided our councilors; that the God of battles has given to our chieftains in the field the assistance of His strong arm. We say confidently, believe that, in the future, there are for us only the more gratifying victories of peace—conquests in the departments of agriculture and commerce, of science and the arts.

DEATH OF GOV. DOTY.

Since your last session, one who was accustomed to advise with you in matters of legislation has, by a mysterious Providence, been removed from his chosen field of labor. On the 13th day of June last, Gov. JAMES DUANE DOTY departed this life. Inasmuch as he was the Executive of this Territory at the time of his death, it is proper and becoming that I should, upon this occasion, express my sympathy with his family and the people, in view of this solemn event. From a long and intimate acquaintance with the deceased, it gives me pleasure to bear testimony to his superior abilities as a statesman and to his many virtues as a citizen.

TERRITORIAL FINANCES.

The annual reports of the Treasurer and Auditor are herewith submitted for your consideration. By them it appears that the finances of the Territory are in a highly satisfactory condition, all claims upon the treasury having been promptly met, and there still remaining in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of forty-one thousand and fifty-five 24-100 dollars ($41,-855 24.

TERRITORIAL MILITIA.

Isolated as are the people of this Territory, surrounded by Indian tribes, now happily at peace, but liable on slight provocation to become hostile, a thorough organization of the militia is in the highest degree important.

By the act organizing the Territory, it is provided that the Governor shall be the Commander-in-Chief of the militia of the Territory. This is substantially the same provision incorporated in the constitution of the different States.

An examination of the Territorial laws now in force in this Territory, relative to the organization of the militia, has satisfied me that such laws are insufficient to comply with the requirements of the Organic Act. No staff is provided for the Executive, nor are reports upon the points above indicated made to him for his information and guidance, and for preservation among the records of his office.

I would respectfully recommend such further legislation as shall be necessary to conform the Territorial Militia Law to the requirements of the Organic Act. Upon this being done, and the proper statistics on file in the Executive office, such statistics would form the foundation for a report by the Executive to the Secretary of War, upon the receipt of which he would be empowered to deposit in the Territory for the use of the militia, such arms as were needed for their equipment and organization. By this means the efficiency of the militia would be greatly promoted.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

The proper education of the people lies at the foundation of our republican institutions, and is the surest guarantee of their perpetuity. To give to every child within its jurisdiction a proper education is the foremost duty of the State. Experience has demonstrated that parents and guardians cannot in all cases be safely charged with this important trust. It is my settled conviction, that the property of a State or Territory should be taxed to defray the expenses of the education of its children. The common schools should be entirely free to all.

I am, however, free to admit that the time has not yet arrived when this system can be inaugurated to advantage in this Territory. The public lands generously donated by Congress to the Territory for the benefit of common schools cannot yet be brought into market.

A SCHOOL FUND.

Even now, however, something can be done. A commencement of a school fund can be made. All fines imposed by the courts for the violation of Territorial laws or city ordinances should be set apart for this purpose. I would suggest that Congress be memorialized to perfect the surveys of the public lands within the Territory, to the end that the school and university lands be located and leased, until the same can be put in market, and the income thus collected should be distributed in the same manner. I would also suggest that Congress be memorialized to donate the proceeds of all town sites in the Territory to the school fund. From the probable price at which lots will be sold, I judge that nearly, if not quite, half a million dollars would be realized in this manner—a most valuable addition to the school fund of the Territory and future State. I should be most happy to unite with you in the presentation of such memorial, and from its intrinsic justice, should anticipate for it a favorable consideration.

TAXATION FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

The law passed at the last session of the Legislature relative to common schools gives to the people of each school district the power to levy a tax of not more than two per cent. to aid in defraying the expenses of common schools. I cannot, however, resist the conviction that such law will be of but small practical utility. It is not imperative. It will not be acted upon in those districts where the people are poor or possessed of little public spirit—the localities where the greatest necessity exists for the fostering care of the Legislature. Such taxation should be imperative and upon a basis sufficiently broad to exclude the influence of purely local interests and prejudices.

THE PUBLIC LANDS.

I have already adverted to the desirableness of an early survey and sale of the public lands. From the most reliable information within my reach, I judge that the surveys already made by the General Government are so imperfect as to be practically almost valueless.

It would be highly advantageous to the inhabitants of our cities and villages to procure a valid title to their lands. Our farmers should be allowed to avail themselves of the liberal provisions of the Homestead Law. I would therefore suggest that Congress be memorialized for a sufficient appropriation to either defray the expenses of a new survey, or for the correction and perfection of the surveys already made, as shall be found necessary; and for such other legislation as shall be required to speedily prepare the public lands for market.

CITY AND TOWN SITES.

Should the memorial last referred to receive a favorable consideration, the period of two years, or thereabouts, would probably be necessary to perfect such survey and bring the lands into market. Laws, however, are already enacted by which title to such real estate as is embraced in city and town sites can be much more speedily obtained. By chapter 205 of the General Laws of the United States for 1864, as amended by chapter 107 of the laws of 1865, it is provided that the claimants of land embraced within any town or city site may procure or have made an accurate survey and plat of such site, copies of which survey and plat must be filed in the offices of the County Recorder, the Registrar and Receiver of the land district in which such site is located, and in the General Land Office, accompanied with certain statements under oath.

At once, upon such filing, the President is authorized to cause the lots within the limits of such city to be offered at public sale to the highest bidder, at a not less price than ten dollars for each lot. Prior to such sale, each actual settler can prove up and purchase the premises occupied by him as a preëmption, subject to such minimum price.

I would urge upon you the importance of an immediate compliance with the provisions of this law, especially in reference to this city. A new survey should be made of all such lots as have been subdivided since the original survey and plat of the city, and from this and such original survey, a new plat should be made in which each new subdivision should be separately numbered. In this manner each proprietor would receive a title to his lot, however small, from the government. It is further provided by the law to which I have alluded, that in case claimants to lands within the limits of any city shall not, within one year from its establishment, make and file such plats, the Secretary of the Interior shall cause such surveys and plats to be made at the expense of the government, and the lands thereupon be sold in the same manner. In such case, however, the law is imperative that fifty per cent. shall be added to the minimum price of each lot.

PUBLIC HIGHWAYS.

The expense of the transportation to this Territory of all the articles here consumed, which are not produced within our own borders, is a most burdensome tax, both upon the General Government and upon the people. An expenditure of half a million dollars in bridging the numerous small streams between Great Salt Lake City and the Missouri River, and in otherwise improving that great national thoroughfare, would result in saving many times that amount each year to the government and to the people of this and the adjoining Territories.

Small steamboats have recently been placed on the Colorado, for the purpose of transporting freight to Callville, the head of navigation upon that river. I am informed that the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or thereabouts, judiciously expended, would be sufficient to construct a wagon road from the southern portion of our Territory to Callville.

This would reduce the land carriage of freight from the ports of the Atlantic and Pacific States, to Great Salt Lake City below six hundred miles, and certain classes of freight could be transported in that manner much more economically than by the present route.

Such road would also open for settlement an extensive tract of territory now but little known, but supposed to abound in mineral wealth and valuable agricultural lands. For these reasons I would suggest that Congress be memorialized to appropriate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars for the improvement of the road from the Missouri River, and the further sum of fifty thousand dollars for the building of the road to Colorado. I have reason to believe that similar memorials, relative to the road first above named, will be presented to Congress by all the adjoining Territories.

MINERAL RESOURCES.

Within the past year numerous mines of coal, lead and the precious metals have been discovered in various parts of the Territory. The present indications are that many of these mines are or surprising richness, and that their discovery has but just commenced. These mines are of great worth to the people of this Territory, both from their intrinsic value and from the excellent home market their development and working will afford for our surplus agricultural productions, which have been and will doubtless continue to be, the principal sources of our wealth and prosperity.

The establishment of a mineralogical cabinet in this city, under the charge of some suitable person whose duty it should be to solicit contributions of specimens, not only of the minerals above-named, but also of salt, iron, sulphur, saltpetre, alum, and any other minerals of value, discovered in any part of the Territory, would be attended with but little expense and would be highly advantageous. A suitable person acting thus under the auspices of the Legislature, could in a few years form a collection of great and permanent value.

Could a thorough and careful geological survey of our Territory be made, it would doubtless result in the discovery of numerous new deposits of coal, iron, and the precious metals.

THE TERRITORIAL LIBRARY.

At the time of the organization of the Territory the sum of five thousand dollars was appropriated for the purchase of a library. From the number and character of the books purchased, I should judge that the original appropriation was expended somewhat injudiciously. There is a great deficiency of standard works of reference, for the use of the Judges and members of the Legislature. In view of this deficiency of works almost indispensable, I would recommend that Congress be memorialized to appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars for the purchase of additional books.

BOUNDARY.

A question has arisen between the authorities of Oneida County, Idaho, and those of Cache County, in this Territory, relative to the location of the boundary line between the two Territories. Certain settlements heretofore supposed to be in Utah, are now claimed to be within the territorial limits of Idaho. For the purpose of settling this question, I would recommend that the Surveyor-General of the Territory, or some other suitable person, be appointed a commissioner to meet with a similar commissioner to be appointed on the part of the Territory of Idaho, and to survey that portion of the boundary line passing through or near the territory in dispute.

IRRIGATION.

My attention has been called to the fact, that no general law upon the subject of irrigation has yet been enacted. The subject, in view of the many rights, legal and equitable, therein involved, is one of great importance, and will, with the increasing population of the Territory, require careful legislation. I am not sufficiently familiar with the subject to feel competent to make suggestions as to the details of the laws necessary to be enacted.

In fact, laws sufficient for all emergencies cannot be enforced until the titles to real estate are perfected, and the power to levy and collect taxes upon the same thereby acquired.

TURNPIKE ROADS.

Turnpike, toll-bridge and ferry companies, for the improvement of highways, in the charters of which exclusive privileges are granted to companies or individuals, should be incorporated as rarely as possible. Wherever the settlements of the county will justify the expense, such roads, ferries or bridges should be constructed by local taxation, assisted in proper cases by appropriations from the Territorial Treasury, and the highways made free to the traveling public. And in cases where, by reason of the sparseness of the population, or the great difficulties to be surmounted in the opening of the highways, a different rule is adopted, the rights of the public should be carefully guarded. Provision should be made for the lowest rates of toll and the briefest enjoyment of the franchise, consistent with the proper remuneration of the parties engaging in the enterprise.

The road from this city through Parley's Canon to the Weber River appears to me to be a proper locality for the construction of a toll-road. A good road is especially desirable, on account of our supplies of coal being brought over that route.

I would therefore suggest to you the propriety of adopting joint resolutions, authorizing the Governor or some other Territorial officer to receive bids from responsible parties for the construction of a good turnpike road upon this route.

Should such resolutions be speedily adopted, bids might be received and the charter awarded during the present session of the Legislature, and the public thus enjoy the benefit of the improved highway during a portion at least of the coming year.

NEW COUNTIES.

In regard to increased mail facilities your more correct information will enable you to suggest to Congress or the Postmaster General such measures as the wants and welfare of the Territory seem to demand.

CHARLES DURKEE.

A Convention of the Southern States.

The Memphis *Avalanche* and other Southern journals favor a convention of the Southern States, for the mutual consideration of their affairs and interests. The *Avalanche* says:

"The great concern of the time is to restore the seceded States to the Union, to determine the terms of retrocession, and to devise some method in the premises which will be complete and definite in its results. So far, the Federal authority has chosen its own manner to deal with the States separately. This course has certainly been one of slow progress and painful details. The fields of discussion have been multiplied; the question has been brought under the influence of local prejudices; the conditions of restoration have become numerous and confused; and, in the absence of precise and common views on the subject, the Southern States are falling into a condition of bewilderment and suspicion, the consequences of which it may not be easy to estimate. Restoration to the Union, in the sense of return to civil liberty, even without Congressional representation, is at once the chief and common concern of the Southern States, and why may it not be settled on one common field of discussion?

There never was a time in our history when to those States were presented so many common questions and common interests—a conjuncture so fit for a call of a General Convention of the States; nor a season so propitious for their friendly counsel. It is not only for such convention to determine what conditions the States are willing to accept on their return to the Union; but the occasion may be improved in consulting other interests now common to them. The disposition of the colored population, the rights and wants of freedmen, the status of the negro, new systems of labor, new methods of agriculture, the repair of the common ravages of the war, plans of immigration, all these are new concerns which the close of the war has thrust upon the Southern States, and which would be best considered in some common assembly.

Let such a convention be called under the countenance of President JOHNSON himself; let him freely and distinctly communicate to it his views; let it be assured that neither the safety nor the dignity of counsels shall be disturbed by military interference—and we pledge our judgment that the convention will concede all that can be reasonably demanded; that each State will readily accept whatever terms it may decide; and that, in sixty days, the Union will be restored at least so far as to remit the States to their ordinary civil condition, by a method alike honorable to the South, safe to the Federal authority, fatal to faction, and replete with the noble auspices of a new national life.

DOMESTIC ITEMS.

The Rensselaer Iron Works, Hon. JOHN A. GRISWOLD and Messrs. CORNINGS & WINSLOW, proprietors, are an immense institution. They were built in 1845 by Messrs. PETER A. BUDDEN, CANNON, SCHUYLER, and others, and the first work they did was to make the rails for the Saratoga and Whitehall Railroad. The company own and occupy, with mill and docking, about six acres, on which are a rail mill and forge, merchant iron mill, machine and blacksmith shops, store and office, oil-room, hose-house, carpenter-shop, &c. The machinery consists of one 36S, one 60, one 90, one 40-horse power engine; lathes, planers, drilling machines, &c.; one train of rail rolls; one of forge rolls; one of top and bottom rolls; one for rolling old rails, and one for rolling merchant iron. They have 14 puddling and 11 heating furnaces, employ 450 hands, and use, annually, 10,000 to 12,000 tons anthracite coal; 15,000 to 20,000 tons bituminous coal; 5,000 to 6,000 tons iron ore; 12,000 to 15,000 tons old rails; 6,000 to 8,000 tons pig iron. Plans have been drawn and adopted for the construction of a brick building 400 feet in length by about 100 in width, on the site of their present merchant iron mill. In this building will be contained twelve puddling and heating furnaces, together with the proper trains of rails and other machinery used in the manufacture of merchant and ship iron. The machinery will be got out during the Winter, and the building erected early in the Spring.

The Albany correspondent of the Springfield *Republican* says: "The State Library rooms contain an object of great interest now, and which in the coming centuries will be of still greater and increasing interest, viz.: the original draft of the proclamation of emancipation. A considerable portion is in the handwriting of Mr. LINCOLN, and the remainder in that of the Secretary of State, with the exception of the quotations from the laws of Congress, which are printed and attached to the manuscript. This original draft is accompanied by a note from Mr. SEWARD certifying to its genuineness, and accompanied by the statement that it was given by the late lamented President to the Albany Sanitary Fair, where it was raffled for and drawn by GERRIT SMITH, who donated it to the United States Sanitary Commission, from whom it was purchased by the State of New-York. It netted to the Sanitary Commission over two thousand dollars."

Gen. WILLIAM E. STRONG, who has just returned from Texas, reports to the Freedman's Bureau that in the central and eastern parts of the State he found that the whites scarcely knew that the war was ended, and the negroes still supposed themselves the lawful property of their former masters. In other places, though nominally free, he found the blacks in all stages of suffering and desitution, and unable to procure sufficient remuneration for labor to sustain life. The planters who have corn and other provisions, are unwilling to part with it, and the families importuned him often for some order compelling the rich to sell their corn at one dollar in silver per bushel, to such as were destitute and starving. The negroes professed a willingness to work, but comparatively few persons were in condition to employ them.

A dispatch from Arkansas to the Chicago *Tribune* reports the murder, on the 14th inst., of Rev. Mr. STOUT, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Dover, Pope County. He was three score years and ten when he met his cruel fate. He was revered by all good men for his unblemished character, humble piety and uncompromising loyalty. He was a member of the convention, two years ago, that organized the Free State Government, abolished slavery, repudiated the rebel debt, &c., and afterward served as State Senator in the Legislature. At the time of his death he was County Clerk, and it was while he was engaged in his office that he was assassinated, at 9 o'clock P. M., on the day mentioned. He was shot in the back of the head with ball and buck-shot, through a crack in the wall just large enough to admit a single-barreled gun.

The San Francisco correspondent of the Chicago *Times* writes:—"Speaking of Mrs. LINCOLN reminds me of the widow of old Ossawattamie BROWN, who is now residing at Red Bluff, in this State. Mention has been made in this correspondence of a fund that the admirers of John BROWN, the 'martyr of Harper's Ferry,' were raising in this State, with which to purchase the widow BROWN a homestead. The 'fund' has at last been raised, but it don't pan out well, to use a miner's phrase. Four lots have been purchased on the west side of Main-street, in the south end of Red Bluff, and inclosed with a neat board fence. A contract has been made with carpenters in that town to build a dwelling for the widow BROWN, for the enormous sum of $450, on those lots. It is to be finished in January. So that will be the home of the widow BROWN and her three children."

In the State of South Carolina there are now 48 Freedmen's schools in operation, attended by 6,000 pupils, and taught by 108 teachers, of whom 80 are from the North and 28 are Southerners. In Columbia, Greenville, Orangeburgh, Summerville, Georgetown, and on the coast islands, schools are already established; they are in process of organization at Camden, Florence, Darlington, Sumter and Cheraw, and it is confidently hoped that, before the spring time, every teacher will be at work in each county town. The Superintendent, after an extended tour through the State, reports the white people as not only indifferent, but entirely opposed to the educating of the negroes, and is of opinion that outside of Charleston no colored school can be maintained a month after the Federal troops are withdrawn.

A Georgia editor says it is a much more vital question in the South whether the whites will work than whether the blacks refuse to labor. The loudest and noisiest blatherskites about the constitutional laziness and persistent indolence of the negro are stout young white men, who loaf about the corners with their hands in their pockets, chew tobacco and drink bad whiskey, while their mothers keep boarding-houses to pay family expenses and keep up appearances.

A correspondent of the *Scientific American* says: "If you have a boat that leaks badly, and it is in a strong current, or if you are towing it up stream, all you have to do to keep it dry is this: Bore a hole through the bottom and insert a piece of tin or iron half round through the hole, letting it extend a few inches below the bottom of the boat, and all the water will run out without any labor. I think a ship at sea could be kept afloat if you could keep her going four miles per hour."

We learn from a Portsmouth (N. H.) paper that one day last week, two or three young fellows attending the District School at Kittery Point, perpetrated a gross outrage on the teacher, Mr. DAGGETT, nearly taking his life. He reprimanded them the day before for some misconduct, which they laid to heart, and secreting themselves behind the door, when the teacher entered they fell upon him, knocked him down with a stone, and committed other injuries on his person. One of them has been arrested, and the others have escaped.

Arlington Heights still remain in possession of the government, but it is said that the wife of Gen. ROBERT E. LEE has recently written to a friend that she intends to return there, even if she "is obliged to live in the black quarters." This is indicative of the strength of her determination to re

instruction in legislating upon crimes between assault with intent to commit felony, and administering poison with intent to commit misdemeanor or felony; but the old common law seemed to apply the same penalties to each class of crimes, and held one equally as aggravaied as the other. To determine what is contemplated in the language, and whether it was intended by the treaty-making power to cover a crime like the one in question, seems to me a matter of judicial principle and definition—for authorities fail to furnish satisfactory evidence of the treatment and classification of the offence in the nature of an assault. In the case of Davis vs. Davis (1 Iredell, 128) the court remarke:

"It is difficult in practice to draw the precise line which separates violence menaced from violence begun to be executed, for until the execution of it is begun there can be no assault. We think, however, that where an unequivocal purpose of violence is accompanied by an act which, if not stopped or diverted, will be followed by personal injury, the execution of the purpose is then begun—the battery is attempted."

Now in this case an offence has been committed: poison was taken. The intent of the accused is shown by circumstances which the law interprets malice, and the only question in the case to a proper understanding of the treaty, and a full and comprehensive view of the offence charged, is whether the putting of poison in the beer or glass, with intent to have McKinnon receive it in his stomach, is an assault within the meaning of the law. The case of Requis vs. Hanson (2 Car. and Kir. 912) is one which favors the view of the defence. The defendant was charged with putting cantharides into rum, which was taken by a person ignorant of the fact, and which produced great injury, sickness and disorder. The court held that it was not an assault or misdemeanor at common law. In the case of the People vs. Blake, (1 Wheeler, C. C. 274) it was held by the Recorder that a vegetable powder called cow-itch, put upon a towel and in a water tub for the purpose of being used, and a person is injured by it, is assault. Looking at this case in all its relations both upon the law and the facts, I have given it the most attentive consideration, and have endeavored to come to such conclusions as the law would uphold me in, and the rights and liberty of the defendant demand. The only plea of defence is on the question of law—upon the facts no defence has been offered. With mute and speechless lips and thoughts unexpressed, the accused appears on the scene of investigation, while his counsel essays the task of coloring the evidence of the prosecution with the tinge of innocence and using the powers of argument to break down the barriers of the law. I feel disposed to certify these proceedings to the Secretary of State at Washington, to await the action of the foreign authorities for a writ of surrender, conscious that fuller justice will be administered in the interpreting of treaty stipulations in that higher tribunal before which the accused will be brought for his trial.

The Law of Contracts—Important to Druggist.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART. 2.

Before Justices Balcom and a Jury.

John Hutchison et al. vs. Joseph R. Pierson.—This was an action brought by the plaintiffs, who are glass manufacturers in this city, to recover the value of a large quantity of perfume bottles. The defence set up by the defendant, who is a retail druggist at the corner of Broadway and Twenty-second-street, was that the plaintiff contracted with him that said bottles should be what is known in the trade as "A No. 1" bottles, and which should not allow of leakage or evaporation. A number of the bottles were produced in court which had been filled with perfumery; but they were then nearly or quite empty, showing that they were neither air or water tight, at least they were not "tight" bottles. The defendant admitted that a number of the bottles were good, but he testified that rest were useless to him. The Judge charged the jury that the plaintiffs were entitled to recover for the quantity of good bottles, and left it with them to decide—having heard the evidence—as to the value of the remainder.

The jury rendered a verdict for $70 50.

Rufus B. Corning for plaintiff; Augustus F. Days for defendant.

Decisions.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—JAN. 8.

By Justice Sutherland.

A. F. Dawson vs. E. L. Dawson; report confirmed and judgment of divorce granted. S. C. Moore vs. W. S. McClure, et al.; judgment ordered. Wm. A. Walker, &c., vs. Esther Albertson, et al.; motion denied, with $10 costs, to abide the event of the action.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Justice McCunn.

George L. Allen vs. Elisha Smith; motion granted. Chas. Burrill vs. James C. Jewett; order granted. Peter M. Myers vs. Mahlon Vail; order granted. Chas. Goodyear vs. Edwin A. Brooks; justification allowed. Geo. Dexter vs. Benjamin W. Winans; order granted.

Court of General Sessions.

Before Judge Russell.

John Phillips was indicted for stealing a quantity of wearing apparel, value $366, from an express wagon belonging to the New-Jersey Express Company, in charge of driver John Lee. Lee testified that on the afternoon of 18th December last, as his wagon stood opposite No. 103 Chambers-street, he saw the prisoner take a bale from his wagon containing the goods in question and run away with it. He followed and had him arrested. The prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to five years in the State Prison. The prisoner was an old offender.

ALLEGED HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Bartholomew Fitzgerald and James Messelhonn were indicted for robbery in the first degree, being charged with assaulting the person of E. Smith, and during the attack taking the sum of $110 from him. The complainant stated that on the morning in question he left his home with a sum of money in his possession and a double-barreled gun, which he sold for twelve dollars, increasing the amount to the aggregate of $110 55. He soon after met the prisoner Fitzgerald, with whom he had some drinks. They went together to the store of Mr. Hardy, in Oliver-street, where they drank, still more, and here Fitzgerald proposed to fight any man of 136 pounds weight for $100; whereupon he (the complainant) took out his money, prepared to lay the wager, but Fitzgerald said he had no money. He then left the store, followed by Fitzgerald, who attacked him, and was shortly after joined by Messelhonn, who was the clerk serving at the bar, who also attacked him, and during the melee then ensuing, while Fitzgerald held him by the legs, the other prisoner took from his pocket the sum named, $110. A number of witnesses were called, whose evidence agreed in all essential particulars, and went to show that the complainant had been threatening and abusive when in the grocery-store of Hardy, that he called the clerk Messelhonn improper names, and was guilty of the same offence against Fitzgerald, threatening the latter to fight him, swearing that he "could lick half a dozen Irishmen;" that he then left the store, followed by Fitzgerald, who was drunk, and that they fought outside, and that Messelhonn went out to part them, when the police came up, and the arrests were made. Witnesses also proved that the complainant produced only a single dollar bill in the store, with which he paid for some drinks, and a pawn-ticket, which he proposed to redeem for $70. Witnesses as to the character of the prisoner were called, and testified to the general good character of both, Mrs. Fitzgerald stating that her boy had been "a good son to her," having supported her for five years since his father's death.

The case, which looked rather bad for the prisoners in the first instance, went to the jury only for simple assault and battery, Mr. Bedford, for the people, abandoning the charge of robbery. The jury returned to court an hour after retiring, unable to agree, whereupon the Judge, expressing his surprise that there should be any difficulty in arriving at a decision, discharged both them and the prisoners.

GRAND LARCENY.

Joseph Wallen pleaded guilty to an attempt at grand larceny, the sum of $450 being found upon his person, the property of Joseph Burn, but which the prisoner denied ever having seen, or possessing, to his knowledge, when he was in a state of drunkenness. In the Fourth Precinct Station, where he had been locked up with the complainant. Sentence was deferred, to give prisoner's counsel an opportunity to produce witnesses of good character for the prisoner, who it was stated had served three years in the navy, and had last been employed on a steamer plying to this port.

PASSING COUNTERFEIT MONEY.

Edward Reddy was charged with having passed a counterfeit $20 bill at the store of John Hasen, No. 409 Sixth-avenue. This case broke down, the prosecution being unable to trace the bill to certain identification, as it had passed through several hands before being marked. The prisoner was therefore discharged.

LARCENY.

Joseph Barron pleaded guilty to an attempt at grand larceny of the sum of $71 in gold coin, on the 20th November last, from the place of business of Benjamin F. Metcalf, the complainant, to whom he admitted having taken the property. Sentence was deferred.

ASSAULT.

William Piggott pleaded guilty of an assault on the person of Martin Cahill, of No. 26 Washington-street, on the 6th day of December last. Sentence was deferred.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Jan. 8, 1866.

$5,000	U. S. 6s, 5-20 R. '62	102½	
$5,000	U.S.6s,5-20s'62,C.	104⅜	
$1,000	do	104⅜	
$2,000	U. S. 6s '81 C.	104⅜	
$2,000	do	104⅜	
$1,000	U. S. 5s, 10-40s C.	93½	
$3,000	Tr. Notes, 7 3-10s.		
	Second Series..	98⅞	
$5,000	U. S. 6s, 1 yr. Cer.		
	New Issue.....	98⅜	
$5,000	N.Y.St.7s. Boun-		
	ty Loan.....	98⅞	
$2,000	O. & M. Cer....	27	
$5,000	do.....	26⅞	
$5,000	do.....	27	
$5,000	Al. & T. H. 2d Pr.	81	
$5,000	N.W. Int. 8s..	80½	
$5,000	Mil. & St. P. 1st..	80½	
$	Shoe & Leather Bk.	100	
$	Gen. National B'k..	108	
100	Ontario Co.....	44	
14	Del. & Hud. C'.	145½	
5	West. U. Telegr'h..	49	
100	do.....	48⅝	
150	do.....	48⅜	
50	do.....	48	
100	do.....	47	
100	Quick. Min. Co..	41⅜	
100	do.....	41⅜	
200	Mariposa Min.....	14⅝	
30	Cen. Coal Co....	85	
50	N. Y. Cent.....	96⅛	
100	do.....	96⅜	
200	do.....	96⅝	
100	do.....	96⅞	
100	do.....	97	
7300	Cleve. & P. x-d.	80½	
200	do.....	80⅝	
2000	do.....	80⅞	
500	do.....	81	
500	do.....	80⅝	

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200	Canton Co.....	44⅜	
200	Cum. Coal.....	45	
100	do.....	810	
100	do.....	810	
100	do.....	43⅛	
400	Quick. Min. Co..	41⅜	
100	do.....	41	
100	do.....	40	
1000	N. Y. Central....	96⅝	
200	do.....	96⅞	
100	do.....	96⅝	
1400	Erie Railroad....	39⅜	
100	do.....	39⅝	
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4000	do.....	39⅝	
200	do.....	39⅞	
100	do.....	39⅝	
100	do.....	39⅞	
200	Reading R. x-d..	103⅜	
200	do.....	103⅝	
100	do.....	103⅞	
3300	do.....	104	
200	Mich. S. & N. I..	70⅝	
200	do.....	70⅞	
200	do.....	71	
100	do.....	70⅞	
200	do.....	70⅝	
100	do.....	70⅞	
100

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Amusements this Evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
14th-st., corner of Irving-place.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 9, commencing at 8 o'clock, THE BATEMAN CONCERTS.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 9, commencing at 7¾ o'clock, EAST LYNNE; or, THE ELOPEMENT. Characters by Messrs. J. W. Collier, J. G. Burnett, J. Nunan, E. Barry, J. W. Blaisdell, E. B. Holmes, Rendle, Nolan, &c., &c.; Misses Mary Wells, Maria Maeder, Carrie Burke, Everett, &c., &c., in the cast.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 9, commencing at 8 o'clock, LOST IN LONDON. Characters by Messrs. J. W. Wallack, Charles Fisher, Young, Brown, Pope, Williamson, Graham, Wardand Robertson; Misses Madeline Henriques, Fanny Morant, Mary Barrett and Green.

WINTER GARDEN.
Broadway, between Bleecker and Amity sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 9, commencing at 8 o'clock, HAMLET. Characters by Edwin Booth, Mr. John Dyott, Mr. W. F. Burroughs, Mr. Humphrey Bland, Mr. W. H. Andrews, Mr. J. L. Donnelly, Miss Andrews, and others.

NEW BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Canal and Hester sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 9, commencing at 7 o'clock, BLUE LIGHTS; or, THE DEVIL'S HALL. EL HYDER and THE SOLDIER'S WIFE; or, THE BLEAK HILLS OF ERIN.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 9, commencing at 7¾ o'clock, MONTE CRISTO: Characters by Messrs. E. L. Davenport, Morton, Hind, Garrison, Lewis, Stoddard, Selwyn, Rockwell, Scott, Stanley; Misses Eliza Newton, Louisa Myers and Kate Newton.

LUCY RUSHTON'S NEW-YORK THEATRE,
Nos. 728 and 730 Broadway.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 9, commencing at 7¾ o'clock, THE HONEYMOON. Characters by Messrs. J. K. Mortimer, Mr. Clarke, Clarke, Alsbaugh, F. J. Eyre, Mr. W. S. Higgins, Mr. T. Placido, Mr. H. Pearson; Miss Lucy Rushton, Mrs. Mark Smith, Mrs. A. W. Young.

BROADWAY THEATRE.
Broadway, between Grand and Broome sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 9, commencing at 7¾ o'clock, SOLON SHINGLE. Characters by Messrs. John E. Owens, W. C. Forbes, J. W. Alsbaugh, F. J. Eyre, H. L. Hinton, W. H. Hamblin, H. Jordan, J. D. Bilby, F. W. Williams; Mrs. A. Hind, Miss Saidee Cole.

FOX'S OLD BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Bayard and Canal sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 9, commencing at 7½ o'clock, THE RAG WOMAN AND HER DOGS, MARRIAGE AT ANY PRICE, and THE BOY WITH AUBURN HAIR.

BARNUM'S NEW MUSEUM.
Broadway, between Spring and Prince sts.
THIS AFTERNOON at 3. EVENING at 7½ o'clock, GRAND CIRCUS PERFORMANCE. "WHITE SLAVE, or the ASSASSIN STEWARD." Giants, Dwarfs, 100,000 curiosities.

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THIS AFTERNOON, Jan. 9, MATINEE commencing at 2½ o'clock. EVENING, at 8 o'clock, JAMES ROBINSON and a complete troupe of Equestrian and Gymnastic Performers.

BRYANT'S MINSTRELS.
Broadway, between Grand and Broome sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 9, commencing at 7½ o'clock, ICI ON PARLE FRANCAIS, and BLACK-EYED WILLIAM. Characters by N. Seymour and Dan Bryant.

AMERICAN THEATRE.
Broadway, between Howard and Grand sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 9, commencing at 7½ o'clock, TIM O'BRYAN, THE IRISH EMIGRANT. Characters by the troupe. Ballet, songs, &c.

TONY PASTOR'S OPERA HOUSE,
No. 201 Bowery.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 9, commencing at 7½ o'clock, STEPHENS' ESCAPE; OR, ENGLISH RULE IN IRELAND.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
Montague-st., near City Hall.
THIS EVENING, Jan 9, commencing at 7½ o'clock, SOIREE D'OPERA COMIQUE, LES NOCES DE JEANNETTE.

DODWORTH'S HALL.
Broadway, opposite Eleventh-st.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 9, commencing at 7½ o'clock, CORDOVA'S LECTURE—OUR FIRST BABY.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday the President *pro tem.* presented a communication from the Mayor of Washington, transmitting the results of the late elections in Washington on the subject of negro suffrage. Ordered to lie on the table. Mr. MORGAN presented a memorial from the New-York Chamber of Commerce in reference to Southern Statutes of Limitations and the rights of Northern creditors. Several petitions were offered, asking for an equalization of pay and bounty to all the soldiers in the late war. The credentials of Mr. RANDALL HUNT, Senator elect from Louisiana, were presented and ordered to lie upon the table. A resolution was adopted making inquiry into the issue of an order forbidding the exportation of arms from California to Mexico. A resolution was adopted calling for information as to why the commission upon the claims of loyal slaveowners for compensation for colored volunteers owing them service, had not been appointed. At 12:30 the Senate adjourned.

In the House a bill for the disposition of public lands as homesteads in sundry Southern States. Referred. A bill making additional appropriations for deficiencies for sundry civil expenses, was introduced and ordered to be printed. Mr. RAYMOND introduced a bill to amend the several acts of Congress in regard to naturalization, and also a bill in reference to a site and building for a Post-office in New-York City. Both referred. A bill was introduced granting pensions to soldiers of 1812. Mr. ORTH presented the resolutions of the State of Indiana in reference to the interference of European Powers in the affairs of Mexico. A resolution was adopted requesting the Committee on Banking and Currency to inquire into the expediency of providing for the redemption of defaced and worn-out fractional currency by the United States Internal Revenue Collectors or other financial agents. Bills were introduced to authorize the construction of a military and post road between New-York and Washington. Mr. MOORHEAD, of Pennsylvania, introduced a bill to incorporate the National Laboratory and Mining Association. Referred to Committee on Mines. A bill was introduced granting bounty to soldiers, seamen and marines in the war in 1861. A bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee to secure the benefit of the writ of *habeas corpus* to persons held in servitude contrary to the constitution. Mr. SMITH, of Kentucky, offered a resolution, which was agreed to, inquiring into the adoption of ITURBIDE by MAXIMILIAN. A resolution was adopted instructing the Naval Committee to take action in regard to a Navy-yard at League Island. A resolution was passed declaring it to be the sense of the House that the military forces should not yet be withdrawn from Virginia. After the adoption of various resolutions of inquiry, the House resolved itself into a Special Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, and listened to speeches by Mr. LATHAM, of West Virginia, who argued that the Southern States were never out of the Union; Mr. BLAINE, of Maine, who proposed a new amendment of the constitution; and Mr. SHELLABARGER, on the relations between the Central Government and the several States. The House then adjourned.

GENERAL NEWS.

It may seem superfluous and even ridiculous to tell the readers of the TIMES how cold it was yesterday; but you cosy friends, indulging in slippers and muffins before the glowing grate, do not quite constitute our public. The TIMES is eagerly received and read in every city of note in the world; we astonish the Tycoon of Japan, the Brother of the Sun in China, the Rajah of Benares, the Queen of Mozambique, the Imaun of Muscat, the Sultan of a thousand wives, (and BRIGHAM YOUNG [also,) and all the potentates of the world, with our accurate and comprehensive summary of what men do and think. Therefore, although Boston feelingly knows that it is bitter cold, Timbuctoo and Cuzco may be fervidly oblivious of the fact, and Buenos Ayres and Van Dieman's Land may laugh (in the sweat of torrid Summer) at our "weather item." Yet permit us to say that it *was* cold, yesterday; that the temperature ran down not only below zero by a long chalk, but away down to hot whisky and spiced rum; that the keenest, coldest, most piercing and intolerable air that ever visited New-York, was rife and robustious all day. The sun was unhealthily pale, and gave us a diluted shine that looked and felt like very skimmed milk; blue, cold, watery and dismal. The wind, having its wild will, went abroad like a police roundsman, shaking the windows, flapping open the doors, and screaming ghost-music through key-holes; that wind, let loose without a start, and not knowing where to go, that descended to the service of the street contractors, and gobbled up loads of dirt from the windward sides of the avenues only to flirt it promiscuously over the leeward blocks. Was it cold? Perhaps. We enjoyed six hours of out-door promenade, and wish everybody had done the same, for there was the very spirit of health in the atmosphere; the crisp clearness of the sky, the cold purity of the air, the impossibility of offence to the nose or eye, the shrill trumpet of the North, reminding us that strength, and vigor, and health, and robust character, and aggressive power, and the absolute rule of the world, come from the cold reality of that region; that Monroe doctrine and no doctoring are the products of its frigid clime; that cholera, and fever, and plague stand appalled at its icy gates; that nothing but poverty and crime can fail to glory in this most inspiring season. Our columns bear witness to the stress of weather. Ten, twenty, thirty degrees below zero are reported, and not a few melancholy results are interspersed to sober into regret the exultation with which we all read of extreme and unparalleled results. "God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb." So may He temper this distressful season to the poor, and may we all do our share in the good work of relieving their distresses.

In Ruthland, La Salle County, Ill., on last Friday night, the citizens visited a grocery kept by a man named HERMAN, and after tying him to a post, went into the saloon, and finding that a family occupied the upper part, the belligerents took up a collection, and satisfied their claim to the property, and moved them out of the building. They then proceeded to cut down the corner posts with axes, burst in the beer kegs and whisky barrels, and knocked out the door and windows, then hitched a rope about the roof, and pulled the house down, chopped and stove it into kindling wood, completely demolishing it to the foundation.

The Philadelphia *Inquirer* says that measures are in progress in that city to erect a fitting memorial to the late Bishop POTTER. The contributions are to take the form of a thank-offering for the restoration of peace and the "great enlargement of civil liberty;" and a building is to be erected having, in the language of Bishop STEVENS' pastoral letter to his clergy and laity, "as its central feature, a large chapel for the free preaching of the word of God; and connected with it, the needed rooms and offices for all diocesan purposes, and for the use of the various church societies: constituting, in its unity, a noble diocesan house, worthy to be the memorial tribute of a great diocese to a great and beloved Bishop."

The Florida papers state that Mr. YULEE has written to a personal friend at Gainesville, giving his views as to the proper course to be pursued by the people of the State, and advising that the Senators should be instructed to propose an amendment to the Federal Constitution declaring that no State can secede or dissolve its relations with the Union except by the same mode that the constitution can be amended, viz., by the consent of two-thirds of both Houses of Congress, ratified by the Legislatures of two-thirds of the States.

Bishop LYNCH has written to the Mayor of Toronto complaining of the insults offered to Sisters of Charity and Catholic clergy in the public streets of Toronto. He also says that on New-Year's Day a Minié ball was fired through one of the windows of Lorette Convent into a room occupied as an infirmary by a sick Sister. The ball was spent, and did no harm. The City Council have offered a reward of $100 for the apprehension of the party or parties who fired the ball, unless it was accidentally done.

The Ulster and Nevada Mining Company has lately been formed in Kingston, N. Y. It has acquired the title to two silver lodes, or veins, known as the Schuylkill and Poconna Lodes, situated near Ione City, Nye County, Nevada. The capital of this new company will consist of 500,000 shares, at $20 per share. As soon as enough of these shares are sold to form a working capital, the company will commence operations at the mine.

A writer in the Chicago *Tribune* urges steam communication with the South from that city. He says grain can be loaded there in canal-boats and be taken to Richmond, Va., without breaking bulk, by being towed down the Illinois and Mississippi, up the Ohio and Kanawha, and through the canal to Richmond, thus gaining a communication with the ocean, and escaping the high prices demanded by the Eastern shippers.

It is expected that Congress will, at an early day, take action on the proposition to remove the National Currency Bureau from Washington to New-York. The Comptroller of the Currency has received letters from Presidents of most of the banks operating under that system, all of which urge the removal on the grounds of convenience and economy. It is presumed, however, that Congress will not sanction the removal.

It is proposed to extend the Illinois and Michigan Canal from La Salle to a point on the Mississippi opposite Davenport, Iowa, and the line has already been partially surveyed. This canal will not only bring to Chicago the products of Iowa, but by this route the grain shipped for Minnesota and Western Wisconsin can be carried cheaper than by any railroad route.

Gen. FRANK BLAIR, on the 3d, before leaving St. Louis for Cincinnati, entered his action in the Circuit Court against Messrs. RIDGELY and THOMPSON for $10,000 damages. The gentlemen who are made defendants in this suit were Judges of Election in the Sixth Ward, and refused to allow Gen. BLAIR to vote unless he would take the oath prescribed by the constitution.

An officer recently returned from Andersonville, Ga., states there is but a small garrison of about twenty men stationed there, who are guarding the old stockade and cemetery, which are still undisturbed, although numerous threats to burn the stockade have been made by the chivalry of the surrounding country.

The Nashville papers state, on the strength of information from department headquarters, that Maj.-Gen. SWEENEY has lately been dismissed the United States service by order of the Secretary of War. The General's connection with the Fenians is the cause alleged for his dismissal.

The Savannah papers of Jan. 1 report the ceremonies attendant upon the interment there of twelve Confederate soldiers, whose remains had been removed thither from Farmville, Va., where they fell in battle. Bishop ELLIOTT made an address, and the ladies decked the graves with floral tributes.

The number of railroad accidents in this country during the past year was one hundred and eighty-three, against one hundred and forty the year previous. The fatality, however, was in favor of 1865, the number of lives lost during the year being three hundred and thirty-five, against four hundred and four in 1864.

We regret to record the death of ELIJAH F. PURDY, one of our Supervisors, and a public citizen and politician of great renown. His death was the result of a severe cold contracted during the late Charter election.

An application of a colored girl for admission to the High-school in Troy, N. Y., which was refused by the Principal, was taken to the Supreme Court, where it was recently decided against the applicant.

HENRY T. CODY, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's School, Concord, has been elected President of Trinity College, Hartford. The prospects of the college were never more cheering.

One of the merchant princes, L. C. HOPKINS, has presented the City of Cincinnati with an acre of ground on Mount Auburn, worth $15,000, for use as a park.

In reorganizing the regular army, it is proposed to abolish Paymasters, their duties to be performed by Commissaries and Quartermasters.

The Pulmonary Brigade of St. Paul, Minn., is an association of invalids hailing from all quarters of the Union.

It is expected that the cotton tax paid at Macon alone, for January, February and March, will exceed $5,000,000.

LOCAL NEWS.

A motion of some interest was made yesterday in the Supreme Court, Chambers, in the case of the Mercantile Bank against WILLIAM H. J. BODINE. The latter is one of the sureties of CHARLES WINDSOR, the defaulting Cashier of the Mercantile Bank. About a year and a half ago, WINDSOR, after stealing about half a million of dollars from the Bank, made his escape from this city to England. Soon after his arrival there he was arrested, and put in prison, where he remained until the early part of December last, when he was discharged under the General Bankrupt law. Suits have been brought against the late Cashier's sureties to recover on their bonds, and the objection now is that WINDSOR, the principal, having been discharged from imprisonment in England, his sureties could not be proceeded against in this country. The court regarded the question an important one, and reserved its decision.

At the Court of General Sessions yesterday the cases tried were but few in number, as the cold was so intense in the court-room, notwithstanding the two large stoves there, that Judge RUSSEL dismissed the jury and caused the court to be adjourned about half-past two o'clock. The only case of much interest or importance which came up for hearing yesterday was that charging BARTHOLOMEW FITZGERALD and JAMES MESSELHONN with highway robbery. On the examination of complainant, the charge of robbery was withdrawn, and that of assault only pressed by the prosecution. The jury disagreed, at which Judge RUSSEL expressed his surprise, and discharged both them and the prisoners.

In the Court of Common Pleas, Dr. A. KOEHLER brought an action against PETER AHLES, to recover about $300 for professional services. The defendant's boy, aged about 13 years, had his arm broken and shoulder dislocated. The doctor was called to attend him, and, as he alleges, he set the bones properly. The defence was malpractice on the part of the surgeon. Defendant claims about $250, as an offset to plaintiff's claim, by reason of his not having properly performed his duty. The trial will be continued to-day at 11 A. M.

The case of the Rector, &c., of the French Church against JOHN J. BERNIER came on for trial yesterday in the Superior Court, Part I., before Justice JONES and a jury. The action was one of replevin, to recover certain books of church records. After much argument by counsel on either side, the court dismissed the complaint, on the ground that the book of records in question was not the subject of an action of replevin. The amount claimed in the complaint for the book was $1,000.

The Circuit Court Part I., held by Justice JOSEPH F. BARNARD, was not in session yesterday, owing to the fact that the Justice, who lives at Poughkeepsie, was unable to get to the city in time. The General Term of the Supreme Court did not proceed with its business as usual yesterday, owing to the absence of the Presiding Justice, GEO. G. BARNARD, Esq.

The chess tournament at the New-York Chess Club Room opened yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, by an exciting game between Capt. MCKENZIE and Mr. STANLEY, two of the strongest players in the first class, which resulted in a victory for Capt. MCKENZIE. Mr. ZEREGA also scored one, and Mr. BELCHER two games in the first class. In the second class Dr. WARD scored two games, and in the third Dr. GILBERT and Mr. ARIETA each one. The tournament will be continued this afternoon and evening.

The Board of Aldermen had no quorum yesterday. The Board of Councilmen met and adopted a resolution inquiring of the Corporation Counsel what amount of fare the Eighth-avenue Railroad Company are entitled to charge on their route. A resolution was adopted appointing a Joint Special Committee to investigate the Affairs of the Public Administrator's Department. Mr. J. E. GREENE was appointed reader to the board, which then adjourned.

The Brooklyn Board of Aldermen met last evening and organized by the election of Mr. ARCHIBALD M. BLISS (Republican) as President. The Mayor sent in his annual message, which recommends a thorough cleansing of the city, a renumbering of the streets in which irregularity in the numbers exists, and suggests that in future the street lamps should be lighted every night. The board then elected Mr. HY. MCCLOSKY, City Clerk; J. B. JONES, Health Officer; JOHN A. FLANAGAN, Keeper of the City Hall and W. D. PHILIP, Inspector of Pavements.

Four hundred and thirty-three deaths were reported in this city last week. Of these, 61 were caused by consumption, 48 by convulsions, 42 by inflammation of the lungs, 12 by croup, 16 by diphtheria, 8 by bronchitis, 13 by scarlet fever, and 15 by typhus fever. The increase over the previous week was 27, and over the corresponding week of last year, 2.

The funeral services at St. Stephen's Church, yesterday, were of the most imposing nature, attracting an immense concourse of people, all of whom were gratified and chilled to the bone. The Archbishop and 200 clergymen were present, and Rev. Dr. MCGLYNN conducted the services.

A meeting of the Colored Joint Stock Company was held at Hope Chapel last evening. Mr. PETER GUION, of Williamsburgh, presided, and a very able address on the labor and trade of the South was delivered by Rev. SELLA MARTIN.

United States Commissioner OSBORN has certified the proceedings in the case of GEORGE GUSTAFF, charged with an attempt to poison in Toronto, Canada, to the Secretary of State at Washington, to await the action of the English Government for his surrender.

In the Supreme Court, at Chambers, yesterday, Justice SUTHERLAND granted a decree of divorce in the case of A. F. DAWSON against E. L. DAWSON. It is not known whether the husband is divorced from the wife, or the wife from the husband.

Gold declined over 3 per cent. yesterday, or to 138¼ against 141½ on Saturday. Exchange was dull and heavy. Stocks were depressed and lower. Produce and merchandise were lightly dealt in and were tending downward.

At the Live Stock markets the supply of live animals is not large, and the transactions were not active yesterday, owing to the extreme cold. Beef Cattle were selling at about last week's rates. There will probably be a fair supply for to-day's closing market.

ABOUT THE SOUTH.—Some of the Southern papers seem to be offended that the Northern press has so much to say about everything in the Southern States. Not only the governmental relations of the Southern States, and its phases of political thought, are perpetually discussed, but its local questions of social economy, its labor difficulties, its legislation, and everything that is done or left undone, said or unsaid, felt or left unfelt. They consider all or most of this as impertinent and intrusive, and point to the fact that they neither meddle nor desire to meddle with the ordinary doings of the people of the Northern States.

It must be confessed that there is much said in the Northern press about all these matters that is unjust to the Southern people—that is based upon ignorance, misconception or prejudice. But it must also be remembered that there is a living and active interest felt now throughout the whole country concerning all that is done or proposed in the South during the incipient stages of reorganization. It is, and always has been felt that the rebellion had not a purely political origin: that it had a basis in a false social system, and in a wrong industrial or economical system.

And, in the building up of the material and moral interests of the South—in the formation of systems which are to be permanent in their nature, and are to affect not the South only but the whole country—the North feels that it must exercise its whole influence to secure institutions of such a character as will best consist with the general well-being, and secure the largest degree of public safety in the future. If the South tries to reintroduce the old social system and the fatal labor system, the North feels it has a right to prevent the carrying out of the attempt. We feel that as all these questions were tested during the war, and as in the war the North was the conqueror, we have a right to say something as to their ultimate settlement. While, therefore, the South does right to repel impertinent interference, it must submit to such inquisition as may be found necessary for the establishment of justice and safety.

The President and Congress—Peace and Restoration.

We give no credence to the rumors current in the press, that a *compromise* has been agreed upon between the President and Congress on the subject of "reconstruction," simply because we see no such conflict between them as calls for, or permits compromise or adjustment of any kind. Each department of the government is acting within its own sphere, according to its own convictions of duty. Neither, thus far, has made any attempt to interfere with the other; and so long as this course of action is continued, it is not easy to see how any serious collision can arise between them. When the President shall feel called upon to veto any law Congress may enact, or when Congress may attempt, in the spirit of Mr. WILSON'S recent menaces, to override and overrule the Executive department in the exercise of its own prerogative, the state of things may be changed. But thus far there has been no collision between these two coördinate branches of the General Government.

Nor is it easy to see how any such collision is to arise hereafter in a shape to involve results of practical importance. It is well to remember that when the present Congress was elected, the country was in the last agonies of the war. The rebellion was still raging; the nation was still wrapped in the flames of civil strife; half a million of men in arms were struggling with the government for the disruption of the Union; and the Democratic party throughout the North was embarrassing the government in its efforts to prevent that result. Hatred of the rebellion, zeal for its overthrow and a hearty, enthusiastic determination to support the national authority were the sentiments that animated every heart and decided the character and tone of the Congress then elected and now in session. Since then all this has changed; the rebellion has been crushed. When President JOHNSON came into power the war was over; the rebel troops had laid down their arms, and the rebel States were prostrate at his feet. He found them without lawful governments, all their machinery of civil authority suspended, the laws of the United States no longer executed within their borders; and he entered upon the discharge of the obligation he had assumed to see that those laws were faithfully executed in every State and by all its inhabitants. This was purely an Executive duty, devolved upon the Executive, in express terms, by the constitution and embodied in the oath under which he assumed his office. To this end he appointed Provisional Governors, and through them, as his agents, authorized the election of conventions, the formation of new constitutions, the election and meeting of Legislatures, and the appointment of magistrates and other subordinate civil officers, and required the acceptance, fully and frankly, of the results of the war, as the only basis on which the surrender of the rebel States could be accepted and the States themselves be permitted to resume control of their own affairs. When all this was done, he handed over to the States their right of self-government. He withdrew his Provisional Governors, his armies, and all the agents and representatives of his paramount authority as Commander-in-Chief and as President of the United States.

All this *he has done.* It is not something he is *proposing* to do—it is a *fact accomplished.* He is not asking Congress to do it, nor to give him permission to do it; nor is the assent of Congress in the least degree essential to its validity. The States are in actual possession of their local authority. They have laws made by Legislatures of their own election, and put in execution by Governors they have chosen. Congress may question the authority of the President to do all this,—but *it is done* nevertheless; and it is not easy to see how Congress can undo it, even if it were inclined to do so. It can hardly pass a law deposing the Governors elected by these States under Executive authority. It cannot disband their Legislatures, disperse their courts, and order the President to send back his Provisional Governors, or his military agents, and remand the Southern States to the despotic sway of martial law. No such law could be passed, even if Congress were disposed to pass it. But Congress has evinced no such intention. Whatever may be the theories of Mr. SUMNER or Mr. STEVENS as to the rightful *status* of these States, they are in the actual possession and full enjoyment of that degree and form of State sovereignty which is recognized and protected by the Constitution of the United States. That work has been *done,* and it cannot be undone.

The laws of the United States, moreover, have been carried into these States. The tariff on imports is levied and collected at their ports. Custom-house officers,—collectors, surveyors, naval officers, appraisers and inspectors, are appointed by the Executive and Senate in those States precisely as in all the other States of the Union. Internal taxes are levied and collected,—assessors and collectors are appointed, the processes and products of industry are made to contribute to the support of the National Government, by agents acting under the national authority. The Post-office Department extends its active and beneficent operation into every portion of their territory. Mail routes are designated, contracts are made for conveying the mails, postmasters are appointed, and postage is collected in Georgia and Alabama precisely as in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. The Federal courts are in operation, and Judges and Marshals appointed at Washington hold courts and serve process in the Southern States precisely as if those States had never been in rebellion. And with none of these things does Congress propose to interfere. No conflict with the Executive is threatened,—nor, indeed, is any possible,—upon these important points.

The only thing that remains to complete the restoration of these States to their old practical relations with the National Government, is the *admission of their representatives in the two Houses of Congress.* That belongs exclusively to Congress itself, and the President has never indicated any purpose or wish to interfere with it. In his message he expressly disclaims any authority to do so, and commends it, wholly and exclusively, to their own discretion. Whether that discretion shall be wisely exercised or not, is *their* affair, not his. If they choose to abdicate that control of it which the constitution expressly gives them, and hand it over to a joint committee—binding themselves to inaction and silence until that committee may give them permission to act or to speak—they have the right, or at least the power, to do so. And if they choose to exclude representatives from Southern States altogether—or from Northern States also, for that matter—the President has no authority and no wish to overrule their action. They are responsible for it, not to him, but to the people. And whatever action they may decide upon taking on this particular point, we see no reason to believe that the President will attempt in any way to interfere with their perfect freedom. His concurrence is not essential to its validity. They have precisely the same independence here, as he has within his own department, and he will respect theirs as carefully as he has a right to claim that they shall respect his own.

For these reasons, all the talk indulged in about compromises, and conditions, and *ultimatums,* as between Congress and the Executive, seems to us without substantial meaning. *We see nothing left to be compromised,*—nothing affecting State self-government or representation in Congress,—nothing pertaining to the Executive or to Congress which can be made *conditional* upon the assent or action of the other. Suppose Congress says, "We will admit Southern representatives, *provided* the Southern States will accept a constitutional amendment basing representation on *voters* instead of population;" the President can only say, in reply,—"You can submit the amendment to the States,—it is for them and you to decide; I have nothing to do with it. I have withdrawn all authority over them, and, having given back to them control of their own affairs, *can no longer dictate their compliance with that or any other condition you may make.*" So far as he is concerned, the case is closed. He cannot withdraw from them the local self-government which he has given back, any more than Congress can strip them of it.

The fact is, the work of restoration is nearly complete. Its most important and vital part has been done by the Executive Department. The States, lately in rebellion, having ceased their hostility, renewed their allegiance to the constitution and given guarantees for the future, have been again restored to the control of their local affairs. This has been done by the Executive in the performance of his duty, and it is practically beyond the reach, as it is clearly outside the jurisdiction, of Congress. It remains for Congress to decide upon the admission of Southern representatives to a share in the national legislation. And whatever may be the opinions or the wishes of the Executive on this subject, there is no reason to believe or suspect that he will interfere, in the least degree, with the freedom and independence of that branch of the government to which its decision belongs. And so far as his own department is concerned, it may be assumed as equally certain that he will not depart in any particular from the principles and policy he has thus far pursued.

The South and the National Government.

We find the following in the Washington *Chronicle:*

"'We are submitting to your rule,' said one of the pardoned Southerners, a few days ago, in conversation with an American Senator, 'but you must take care that you do not make a Poland or an Ireland of the South.' Neither the point nor the threat was new, but the grumbler was taken aback when a bystander remarked, with peculiar emphasis: 'You forget, my dear Sir, when you make the comparison, the *vast difference* between the countries you refer to, and the fair and fertile land in which you live. *Nobody emigrates to Ireland or to Poland, while millions are preparing to move in and to occupy the redeemed and regenerated Southern communities.*'"

What makes the "vast difference" to which the *Chronicle's* "bystander" refers? Ireland and Poland are both among the fairest and most fertile countries in the world. The South is not greatly their superior in this respect. If it is to be governed as Ireland and Poland are, it will soon be as unattractive. Why do not the millions who are "preparing" to move in and occupy it, do so at once? In spite of all the predictions that have been indulged in on the subject, as a matter of fact very few emigrants, either from abroad or from the North, have as yet gone to take possession of the fertile lands of the Southern States.

The reason is perfectly obvious. So long as it is uncertain what kind of a government the South is to have, neither men nor capital will go thither, and if the Southern States are to be governed by Congress like provinces or territories, we may depend upon it neither will go there at all. Men seek homes now, especially in this country, with special reference to the character of the institutions they will enjoy. It is because the principle of self-government gives shape and force to all our institutions, that foreigners in such numbers come here. If the Southern States are to be deprived of this right, whether in punishment for past offences, or by way of discipline for their future reformation, they will *lose* in population and prosperity instead of gaining.

There was much more of just and judicious warning than of "threat" in the remark of the "pardoned Southerner" than the *Chronicle* concedes, and it was worthy of a better reply than the "American Senator" gave it.

GEN. CRAWFORD.—It was announced in the Mexican news published on Saturday last that a "Gen. CRAWFORD" was about to lead a division of troops which he had raised in the United States to the aid of JUAREZ in Mexico. Whoever this officer referred to may be, he is not Gen. S. W. CRAWFORD, known as a prominent officer throughout the war, who was in the service from the bombardment of Fort Sumter (he being one of the officers in the fort) to the surrender of LEE'S army at Appomattox Court-house; who led the Pennsylvania Reserves at Gettysburg at a critical period of the second day's fight, and commanded for two years the Third Division of the Fifth Army Corps. Gen. CRAWFORD is now, and has for some time been, stationed in this vicinity, and is an officer of the regular army, in which he has served many years. It is not probable that any filibustering expeditions to Mexico will be commanded by any such officers.

The Indebtedness of the South.

We have recently made reference to the debts due by the South to the North, and the prospects of collecting them. The subject is one of interest to both sections, owing to the vast amount at stake, and the peculiar situation and position of the parties. In the early part of 1861, while postal communication was uninterrupted, and business relations were still maintained, with most if not all of the Southern States, our merchants attempted to save themselves from threatened losses by sending their claims out for collection. The sudden outbreak of actual hostilities obliged the holders to leave their notes, bills, and evidences of debt, in the hands of Southern attorneys and agents, and from that time until the strife ended no information could be obtained in regard to them. Now, when the reign of law and order has succeeded the anarchy of rebellion, the losers are patiently but earnestly solicitous to learn the fate of their claims, and to understand their present status as creditors. Without pressing demands, general inquiry concerning them has been made, resulting, notwithstanding some notable exceptions, in barren prospects and meager returns. Debtors have disappeared, are dead, are insolvent, take the benefit of stay lawsand statutes of limitation, or refuse to pay on the naked principle of repudiation. But the one answer that continually comes back to the renewal of these demands is, that the debt was confiscated by the Confederate States Government, paid to the Receiver of the Confederacy in the currency of the realm of that day, and that the debtor sets this up as a bar to any other payment. Our courts would, of course, ignore any voluntary payment made to the Confederate States, under their confiscation laws, but if the payment were forced, a question might be made as to the present liability of the debtor, and in either case it would lead to much litigation. It seems to us that the Legislatures of States recently in rebellion should have annulled by law all proceedings under their confiscation acts, and declared all debts of this class binding and unimpaired by payment to a Confederate Receiver. As an evidence of good faith and return to sound principles of justice and right, which would aid them in their efforts at restoration, these States should discourage any attempts upon the part of their citizens to benefit by the accidents or chances of the war. Instead of passing such acts as the proposed Virginia Stay Law, in which non-resident creditors are not only prevented from enforcing their demands, but are expressly denied the security of having them a lien on the debtor's property, they should give every facility to the non-resident, whatever they may decide to do among themselves. It is monstrous that they should attain success in any ends which they aimed at in bringing on this war; and one of their aims certainly was to avoid payment of their enormous debt to the North. If the Southern States fail to do justice in this matter, the duty of protecting Northern creditors will devolve upon Congress, and the South, gaining nothing by her stay laws, will suffer the odium of an attempt at repudiation, and see the ruin of her credit at a time when she stands most in need of indulgence, and is most desirous to regain commercial facilities.

Elective Judges.

The report of the Metropolitan Police Commissioners, to which we have already adverted, furnishes another proof (if one were needed) of the radical mistake of the system which makes the administrators of justice depend on suffrage for their seats. The Mayor, as is well known, is a Judge in certain cases. Many of the most doubtful trades in the city, and those occupations where there is most annoyance to the public and most dishonesty, depend on him for their licenses. Thus if pawnbrokers, mock-auctioneers, junk-shop keepers, hackmen, omnibus-drivers and others cheat or impose on the public, or are uncivil or extortionate, they can be summoned before the Mayor for trial, and he has the power to fine them if guilty, and revoke their licenses.

In like manner, those persons committing criminal offences, plundering unfortunate passengers, receiving stolen goods, or otherwise breaking laws and ordinances, can be summoned before the Police Justices. But, as the Commissioners wisely observe, "these officers are, unfortunately, dependent in a measure for their places, on the very offenders they are called on to punish." So rarely are laws providing penalties enforced, they add, that "they have ceased to have any salutary effect on the conduct of the offenders." They call our attention to the fact that the hackmen and carmen are a powerful body of men, and that in some districts, no Police Justice could be elected against their combined opposition. They dread to have these men brought before them as criminals, and they will not punish them, if proved guilty. "All Mayors," they state, "holding office by suffrage, are indisposed to apply serious discipline to this class of offenders. True, a Mayor has the power to impose upon hackmen small fines, but hackmen can impose upon him political defeat!" An authentic instance is given of a most aggravated effort at extortion by a hack-driver upon two United States soldiers. The case was brought before the Mayor, and the offender let off with a *reprimand!*

The Commissioners believe that the whole system of hack extortion upon the public can never be broken up till the power of granting and revoking licenses is taken out of the hands of elective officers. They desire that it should be conferred on the Police Board.

But the evil is wider than with the hackmen and their extortions. The whole administration of criminal justice is prevented in New-York by making the Judges the elected officers of the criminals and their associates. It is notorious that certain classes of offenders will nearly always escape from our Police Courts unpunished. The rumsellers and pawnbrokers, the junk-shop-keepers and thieves, the rowdies and rogues and "fighters," can unite in certain wards so as to defeat any Judge who is up for election. Is it to be supposed that such an official can be very severe or just to crime, when his most enthusiastic constituents are among the accused? If he fines a keeper of one of those underground lod

lunatic asylum. A worse treason to the country and its institutions JEFF. DAVIS was not guilty of.

The Chaudiere Gold Fields in Lower Canada.

If the Provincials are making but little headway with their commercial treaties, they seem to find good compensation in the produce and prospects of their gold mines. The Chaudiere fields are unquestionably the most productive and promising—judging from the brief period since they were put in the market—of any diggings east of the Alleghanies. If we are to believe the reports of the latest scientific and practical explorers, the Chaudiere mines will shortly equal the most fertile fields of the Pacific. The following is a portion of a recent letter (published in the Montreal *Gazette* of the 6th) received from the Lower Canada district bordering on the River du Loup, a tributary of the Chaudiere:

"Three men last week found over $1,000 worth of gold on the River du Loup. They found one very large nugget said to weigh thirty-three ounces and several others of a smaller size, and they say that everything looks favorable. Large parties of people are working on the veins of quartz. More than twenty shafts are being sunk through the quartz with a splendid show of gold in them. They expect to have five or six crushing mills next Spring. A Detroit party is making large preparations to develop the mineral wealth of the district."

Personal.

Mr. HARVEY, Secretary of the Canadian Embassy, is at the Brevoort House. The Embassy leaves for Washington in a few days.

GELID.—We like a cool thing for July, and generally appreciate the joke of the *mal-apropos* with considerable unction. But the eminent citizen who yesterday advertised *palm-leaf fans* in a city paper, can retire with our best beaver. The coolness of that proceeding takes down anything that our experience remembers.

THE PARIS UNIVERSAL EXPOSITION.

Extension of the Time Allowed for the Presentation of Applications for Space.

NEW-YORK, Monday Jan. 8, 1866.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

A further extension of time for presenting applications for space, at the above-named exhibition, until the 1st of March next, having been arranged, it is desirable, with a view to a well-selected representation of the mechanical inventions of the United States, that the number of applications should be as large as possible; and all inventors, and agents or assignees of inventors, are therefore respectfully urged to forward to this agency their names and residences, and those of all other parties known to them to be interested in or having control of useful inventions, in order that forms of application may be sent to them.

All classes of artistic, or industrial, or other producers, are invited to adopt the same course.

It is hoped that a due regard for the mechanical interests of the country will secure for this notification full and free circulation through the public press, and that it will be kept as a standing special notice for a reasonable length of time. Pamphlets and full information will be supplied on application to me,

J. C. DERBY, U. S. Agent for the Exhibition,
No. 5 Spruce-street, and No. 40 Park-row, New-York.

Death of Elijah F. Purdy.

We were surprised to hear of the sudden death last night of Hon. ELIJAH F. PURDY, one of our Supervisors, and for thirty years known as an eminent and able Democratic politician. Mr. PURDY was one of the old *régime*, a thorough New-Yorker in all his experiences and his aspirations; a benevolent, warm-hearted and good citizen, loved and honored for all the genial amenities of social life, and trusted in every way as a public officer. Long ago he won the rough but complimentary soubriquet of the "War Horse of the Democracy," and for many years his word was law in Old Tammany, of which great political institution he was the "guide, philosopher and friend." He never coveted public station, being content to make others great rather than seek place for himself. Yet he was run through a number of the chief places accessible under City and County Government. He was Alderman from the Tenth Ward in 1838, and when the present equally divided Board of Supervisors was instituted, he was the first man named on the Democratic side. Socially he was one of those men whose chestnut burr exterior covers a great and noble heart, and no one really knew him who did not cherish his friendship as something to be proud of. During the war, and especially through the riots of 1863, Mr. PURDY rose nobly to the demands of his country, and made positive and active loyalty his prime motive. New-York has lost one of her very best and most worthy citizens, and his memory will long live in the hearts of thousands of admiring and regretful friends.

Amusements.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—THE BATEMAN CONCERTS. —Notwithstanding the severity of the temperature last evening there was a fashionable attendance at the second of the Bateman concerts; sufficient every way to demonstrate that had the weather been only moderately good the Academy would again have been taxed to its utmost capacity.

The programme was longer than usual and more interesting—there being fewer ballads and more music of a better kind. We do not quarrel with the ballads *per se*. It is undoubtedly a treat to hear a fine artist like Mlle. PAREPA relate her pleasing experience at "Five O'clock in the Morning;" nor is it possible to withhold our sympathies from a lady whose "Heart is on the Sea," and who may reasonably be expected to suffer some inconvenience from the loss of an important organ. But a singer can hardly hope to maintain her rank by singing such homely productions. Composers of every school have provided ample material for the concert-room, and the simple and grateful English ballad should, it seems to us, be reserved for secondary purposes—such as *encores*. These remarks, if they have any force, do not, we hasten to say, obtain it from last evening's concert. They are suggested, indeed, by a change which we are anxious to approve. Mlle. PAREPA's pieces were in every way interesting and effective. Her voice, too, was much improved, and revealed a return of the grandeur which it exhibited when she first sang at the Academy. The cavatina from "Linda," (*O Luce di quest anima,*) was cleanly and gracefully rendered, but with elasticity of voice rather than brilliancy of execution. The distinction is by no means hypercritical. Remarkable voices are frequently gifted with a facility which takes the place of skill. They exhibit this native ability always to the satisfaction of the audience, because it is abundant and gratifying, and generally accomplishes results which a life-time cannot be certain to win. Mlle. PAREPA, then, was good in DONIZETTI's giggling piece. She was better in portions of HANDEL's aria, "Let the bright Seraphine," opening with a largeness of style which she had not heretofore exhibited, except in very inferior compositions. The lady enjoys an enviable reputation as an oratorio singer, and it is a thousand pities that we cannot hear her in some work worthy of her fame. The cornet obligato by Mr. J. LEVY was remarkable mainly for a profusion of wrong notes—possibly owing to the weather—and a dragging of the tune, which was certainly owing to the player. These *obligati* have survived the instruments for which they were written, but it is questionable if they ought to have done so. In the second part Mlle. PAREPA sang the prayer from WALLACE's "Lurline" with charming effect. It could not have been improved. So, too, with "Il Bacio," that sturdy friend of the concert-room, born here, and as it seems destined to live and die here. Both pieces were given with irresistible effect—the latter winning on encore.

The auxiliary aid at Mr. BATEMAN's concert may fairly be described as faultless. There is literally nothing but praise to bestow on such artists as Mr. S. B. MILLS, Mr. LEVY and Mr. CARL ROSA. As however, we have taken exception to Mr. LEVY's obligato playing, we are pleased to add that his solos were given with extraordinary effect. The orchestra—unusually accomplished in the gentlemen who formed it—was under the direction of that thoroughly admirable *maestro*, Herr CARL ANSCHUTZ.

To-night (Tuesday) the third and last concert takes place. The programme is even better than that of last evening.

From Key West—Gen. Scott's Health Improving.

FORTRESS MONROE, Monday, Jan. 8—6 P. M.

Arrived steamer *Empire City*, from Key West, with the Second United States Colored Infantry for Washington.

Gen. SCOTT's health was improving. A reception was extended him on New-Year's.

THE INTENSE COLD.

Memory Taxed for a Proper Comparison.

THE LOWEST TEMPERATURE SINCE 1806.

Tragic and Comic Incidents of the Ice Cycle.

A Woman Frozen to Death and Several Persons Badly Frost-Bitten.

Ferry Interruptions, Gas, Croton, and Milk Annoyances.

The Thermometer Yesterday and the Thermometer of Former Years.

Skaters and Their Conflicts with the Weather.

Telegraphic Reports of the Cold Snap.

The bitter cold weather which capriciously set in on Sunday afternoon continued through yesterday, rather increasing than diminishing in intensity. The keen wind which prevailed on Sunday night had somewhat abated yesterday morning, but the thermometer still indicated a temperature many degrees below zero, fairly taxing the memory of the oldest inhabitant for anything like a legitimate comparison. The North River was full of ice during the morning, greatly impeding the passage of the ferry-boats, and later in the day the floating ice swept round into the East River, but not in sufficient quantities to prove any serious impediment to navigation. The ship *Escort*, Capt. FLITNER, which arrived from Liverpool on Saturday, and anchored in the North River, was cut through by the drift ice yesterday morning, rendering it necessary to run her ashore on the flats near Bedloe's Island. It is thought she can be got off.

Although the cold was not quite so intense as veracious travelers assure us it sometimes is in Tartary, where rocks and trees are split in fragments by its action and the breath congeals as it issues from the lips; where the feet freeze to the ground if not kept in motion, and birds fall dead to earth, their blood turned to ice by the pitiless Frost King of the North, yet it was undoubtedly cold enough to satisfy any reasonable person. Gas and Croton water were in many parts of the city unattainable luxuries. The street lamps made feeble efforts to light the benighted wanderer home, and in too many instances flickered out in utter darkness. Milkmen found the contents of their cans solid, which might be partly attributable to the cold and partly to diluting the lacteal fluid too freely. Never having heard of chopping milk up with a hatchet and selling it by weight, as is sometimes done in Russia, not a few of their customers had to drink *café noir* instead of *café au lait*.

At the Bull's Head Drove-yard, One Hundredth-street, several head of cattle were found frozen to death, and doubtless some of our farmers have to report similar occurrences. In New-Jersey, the poultry on many farms were found frozen dead on their perches. In one instance, all the roosters in one poultry-yard had their combs frozen.

The police report many cases of frost-bites and temporary loss of consciousness from the extreme cold, particularly among the car and omnibus drivers. JOHN GARER, a coach driver, was found by the police on Sunday afternoon, in Thirty-first-street, near Eighth-avenue, in a state of total unconsciousness. He recovered after the proper remedies had been applied. A number of the car drivers had to be removed from the cars at the end of the route, having their ears, fingers and toes frozen. In Brooklyn two drivers had their ears so badly frozen that, when taken into a warm room, the blood spurted from the frozen parts. Among several poor wretches brought up before Justice DODGE at the Jefferson Market Police Court on charges of drunkenness were a man who had his arms frozen, and another the fingers of both hands. One case of death from cold occurred at No. 60 Baxter-street. A woman named ANNA OAKLEY, who it appears was too poor to supply herself with bed clothing, was found on Monday morning frozen stiff. In New-Jersey several of the stage drivers had their extremities frozen, and were unable to descend from their seats when the stages arrived at the terminus of their routes.

It appears from accurately-kept records, that the temperature has not been so low as it was on Sunday night and Monday morning, in this latitude, since the year 1806. The coldest periods within the last 25 years were in 1849, '51, '55, '57, and '59, when the thermometer stood during January and February but a few degrees above zero. In 1857 the East River was frozen over near Wall-street ferry, and not a few persons, including the pastor of Plymouth Church and his daughter, crossed to their homes, on the ice. During the past 25 years the mercury has been only three times below zero in the day time, the dates being January 11, 1859—one degree below; February 8, 1861—two degrees below; January 8, 1866—seven degrees below.

The following record shows the variations of the thermometer during Sunday at the TIMES Office:

Above Zero.		Below Zero.	
5 P. M.	10	11 P. M.	2
8 P. M.	4	Midnight	2
9 P. M.	2	1 A. M.	5
10 P. M.	Zero	3 A. M.	7

Capt. WILSON, of the Twenty-third Precinct, reports that a thermometer hung out on the corner of Tenth-avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth-street, during the night of Sunday, exhibited the following variations:

7 P. M. 3 degrees below zero.
11 P. M. 6 degrees below zero.
Midnight 8 degrees below zero.
1 A. M. 10 degrees below zero.
3 A. M. 11 degrees below zero.
4:30 A. M. 10 degrees below zero.
6 A. M. 12 degrees below zero.

On Monday morning at 7 o'clock the mercury was 7 degrees below zero. At noon it stood about the same figure, but during the afternoon it rose to zero, where it remained up to a late hour.

The effect of this low temperature has been to freeze over Wallabout Bay, near the Navy-yard, Brooklyn, and the Hackensack and Passaic Rivers in New-Jersey. At 8 o'clock yesterday morning the thermometers at the navy-yard indicated a temperature 23 degrees below zero. So intense was the cold that the men at the yard were unable to proceed with their usual avocations, and the authorities issued an order allowing them to leave off work for the day at 2 P. M., when the poor half-frozen fellows gladly retired to their own firesides.

Mr. WM. A. WHITEHEAD, Executive Agent of the New-Jersey Railroad Company, who has kept a record of the weather for many years, reports the present as the coldest weather since 1843. In Newark, at 7 A. M. yesterday, the thermometer stood at 13 degrees 45 seconds below zero. They only weather approaching it was in January, 1857, when the thermometer stood at 12 degrees below zero, and in January, 1859, when it indicated 12 degrees 30 seconds below.

Communipaw Cove, between Jersey City and the trestle-work of the Northern Railroad of New-Jersey, embracing several hundred acres, is frozen over with solid ice, and affords a fine opportunity to skaters who may desire plenty of sea room.

Our telegraphic dispatches show that several other localities have like our own, been favored with some seasonable Winter weather. Commencing at Baltimore, where the thermometer stood yesterday at 2½ degrees below zero, we find that throughout New-Jersey and this State the temperature averaged about 12 degrees below zero. In portions of New-Jersey it was 18 degrees below; in Boston 10, and in Montreal, Canada, 24 degrees. In Lowville, N. Y., it was 28 degrees, and in Utica 31 degrees. In Buffalo, however, it appears to have been quite mild comparatively, the mercury standing at zero.

Intense as the cold has been, it must be remembered that New-Yorkers have suffered colder spells than this. In 1806 the North River was covered with a crust of ice sufficiently thick to bear teams and wagons, and during the revolutionary war WASHINGTON's artillery passed across the river on the ice. Judging from the data of the Ordnance Department, the ice on the river must then have been from four to six inches thick, as it is laid down as a rule by the Department that ice two inches thick will bear infantry; four inches cavalry with light guns; six inches heavy field guns; and eight inches will bear 1,000 pounds to the square foot.

At the present day there appears to be no danger of either of our rivers closing up. The constant passage of steamboats to and fro, and the rapid flow and ebb of the tides caused by the narrowing of the channels of the rivers have rendered such an event almost an impossibility.

The Skating Season—The Conflict with the Weather.

Yesterday frost assisted materially in providing skating for the people, old and young, of New-York and vicinity. Notwithstanding the fact that the thermometer still indicated several degrees below zero, there were numbers, both male and female, who determined in not letting an opportunity pass for the enjoyment of an hour or so skating (we say an hour, for we don't believe they could stand it for any longer time.) There was skating on all the ponds, public and private, in the city.

The Harlem Lake, which is situated at One Hundred and Tenth-street, in Central Park, was all but frozen over; the small open space, however, was not sufficient to stop the skating, as the remainder of the lake was as firm as possible. The number of skaters was not by any means large, owing, no doubt, to the strong northerly wind blowing on it and the want of accommodation. The buildings are not quite ready yet, but they will be, no doubt, to-morrow at the latest. The ice on this lake was rough, and needs much smoothing before it can be used to advantage.

The Middle Lake, at Seventy-second-street, as far as the number of skaters is concerned, fared better than the Harlem Lake, although the ice was much worse. The workmen are also hard at work at the building on this pond, and we have every reason to believe that, before the end of the week, this pond will have as many thousand skaters on it as there were people yesterday. At the time of our visit there were very few, and they were evidently enthusiasts; for as regards the temperature, there was but little difference between this one and the Harlem Lake. The lighting arrangements on this and the Lower Lake will be the same as those of last winter, kerosene, with large reflectors. The Harlem Lake will be lighted with gas.

The Lower Lake, at the entrance to the Park, was undoubtedly the favorite yesterday, and was by far the best off in the way of smoothice. This lake is the warmest (if such a word may be applied to out-door amusement with the thermometer hovering about zero and a strong North wind blowing) of all the Central Park ponds, and should this weather continue it will enjoy the largest patronage. Considering the weather, there were a large number performing their graceful evolutions on the ice, both on their skates and "otherwise." We also noticed several ladies on the ice. Who will doubt the enthusiasm of the New-York ladies now? In addition to the number on the ice, there were numbers who were "plucking up courage" in the little house provided for the use of skaters, by the side of the lake. From this lake we proceeded in due course to the Excelsior Pond, which stands on the corner of Fifty-ninth-street and Fifth-avenue. This pond suffers in the same way as the ponds in the Park from rough ice, but this effect is so easily remedied that it is hardly worth while mentioning it. The number on this pond at the time we were there was not as many as there would have been had the weather been less severe. The pond is in a good situation, and is in good hands, and we have not the slightest doubt will be a favorite place of resort for those who would enjoy a good skate. It being a private pond, an entrance fee of twenty-five cents is charged. Season tickets are also issued, we believe, at a moderate rate.

On the other side of the house is the now justly-celebrated Fifth-avenue Pond, which is also on the corner of Fifty-ninth-street and Fifth-avenue. This pond enjoyed such an enviable reputation last season, both as to the accommodation and the management, that we have only to state that the arrangements will be as good this Winter as they were last. Strangely this pond fared as badly as the others; but in a few days, when the weather becomes milder, we have every reason to believe that the managers will have their hands full.

We would very much like to make a suggestion to our friends of the Fifth-avenue and Excelsior Ponds. In that out-of-the-way place, Canada, in the skating ponds there are generally a couple of masquerade balls on skates during the Winter, where quadrilles, lancers, &c., are danced on skates. Couldn't something like this be done here? We have no doubt but that it would be a success, both as regards pleasure, and pecuniarily.

The means of reaching these ponds and lakes, for when you are at one you are near them all, with the exception of the Harlem Lake, are numerous.

The Central Park, North and East River Railroad, better known as the Belt Road, passes the Lower Lake, the Fifth-avenue Pond, and the Excelsior.

The Sixth-avenue and Seventh-avenue roads stop at Fifty-ninth-street, and are as convenient for the above ponds as any other route.

The Second and Third avenue Railroads carry you close to the Middle Lake and the One Hundred and Tenth-street Pond. To reach the Middle Lake, get out at Seventy-first-street.

SUGGESTIONS.

Before closing we might say a few words of advice to our lady friends who indulge in the exercise of skating. You cannot be too careful of your persons while skating; for although the exercise is perhaps one of the healthiest when the body is properly clothed, it is also one of the most dangerous if there is a lack of sufficient wrappings. We would suggest to our fair skaters the imitation, as nearly as possible, of the style of our Canadian cousins, who, although perhaps not presenting as *stylish* an appearance, are by far more comfortably dressed. We might also say a few words on the subject of skates. If one desires to become what is termed a "fancy" skater, avoid "grooved" skates, and let them be somewhat curved. The skate known as the "London Club" is as good as any.

SKATING IN BROOKLYN.

Yesterday nearly all the ponds, public and private, were open to the public, and, in spite of the cold, there were many visitors.

The Weather at 8 A. M.

MONDAY, Jan. 8.

TOMPKINSVILLE, S. I.—The weather here is decidedly cold. Frost bitten ears and noses are plenty. The thermometer stands at 14 degrees below zero. The ice-crop promises to be an abundant one.

BURLINGTON, Vt.—Weather cold and clear. Thermometer 12 degrees below zero.

MONTREAL, C. E.—Weather clear. Wind northwest. Thermometer 21 deg. below zero.

TROY, N. Y.—Weather clear. Thermometer 20 deg. below zero.

OTTAWA, C. W.—Barometer 31 deg., the highest ever known here. The citizens are thawing themselves out with "hot whiskies."

CARMEL, N. Y.—Thermometer 26 deg. below zero. Most fearfully cold.

ALBANY, N. Y.—Wind north; blowing lightly. Weather clear. Thermometer 15 deg. below zero.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Weather clear. Thermometer 15 deg. below zero.

OSWEGO, N. Y.—Thermometer 10 deg. below zero. Weather clear.

LOWVILLE, N. Y.—The weather here is colder than ever known before. The thermometer is down to 28 deg. below zero.

UTICA, N. Y.—The mercury is almost freezing here, the thermometer marks 31 degrees below zero.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Weather clear and cold. Wind N. E. Thermometer at zero.

HALIFAX, N. S.—Wind north and blowing freshly. Weather hazy. Thermometer 5 degrees below zero.

PORTLAND, Me.—Thermometer 8 degrees below zero. Wind north, and light. Weather clear.

BOSTON.—Wind northwest. Weather clear. Thermometer 10 degrees below zero.

SPRINGFIELD.—Thermometer 11 degrees below zero. Wind northeast. Weather clear.

NEW-YORK CITY.—Wind northwest. Weather clear. Thermometer 10 degrees below zero.

PHILADELPHIA.—Wind north. Weather clear. Thermometer 12 degrees below zero.

WASHINGTON.—Weather clear. Thermometer 1 deg. above zero.

BALTIMORE—Weather clear; wind northwest; thermometer 2½ deg. below zero.

HARTFORD, Conn.—Weather clear; thermometer 16 deg. below zero.

NEW-BRITAIN, Conn.—Weather clear; thermometer 20 deg. below zero.

ELIZABETH, N. J.—The weather here is bitterly cold. The thermometer at this hour (8 A. M.) stands at 12 degrees below zero. The river is frozen over.

The Weather at Sunset.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—Weather clear; wind fresh from N. W.; thermometer 6 degrees above zero.

NEW-BEDFORD.—Thermometer 5 degrees above zero; wind N. E.

BOSTON.—Wind N. W.; thermometer 7 degrees above zero. The harbor is being rapidly covered with ice.

CONCORD, N. H.—Clear; thermometer 9 degrees above zero.

BURLINGTON, Vt.—Cloudy and calm; thermometer 8 degrees below zero.

MONTREAL.—Clear; thermometer 2 degrees above zero.

MONTPELIER, Vt.—Clear; thermometer 4 degrees below zero.

BANGOR, Me.—Wind N.; weather clear; thermometer 6 degrees above zero.

PORTLAND, Me.—Wind N.; thermometer 25 degrees below zero.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—Weather clear; wind N.; thermometer at zero.

NEW-HAVEN, Conn.—Thermometer 8 degrees above zero; weather clear.

SKOWHEGAN, Me.—Weather cold; wind N. Yesterday morning the thermometer stood 24 degrees below zero; this morning 16 degrees below, and this evening it stands 10 degrees above zero.

HALIFAX, N. S.—Wind N. E.; weather fresh and clear; thermometer at zero.

BUFFALO.—Weather moderating; thermometer 11 degrees above zero.

CLEVELAND.—Thermometer 15 degrees above zero; weather clear; wind S. E.

WHEELING, West Va.—Weather extremely cold; navigation has been suspended on account of the ice; thermometer 15 degrees above zero.

INDIANAPOLIS.—Clear; thermometer 10 degrees above zero.

TOLEDO.—Clear; wind S. E.; thermometer 20 degrees above zero. Reports from various points on the railroads leading south and west say the weather is clear, with light E. and S. E. winds, the thermometer ranging from zero to 30 degrees above.

DAYTON, Ohio.—Weather clear and cold; thermometer 10 degrees above zero.

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—Thermometer 18 degrees above zero.

ZANESVILLE, Ohio.—Thermometer 18 degrees above zero.

DETROIT.—Thermometer at sunset 5 degrees above zero; weather clear and beautiful; no wind.

PORT HURON, Mich.—Weather clear and cold; thermometer 10 degrees above zero.

ST. CLAIR, Mich.—Weather clear and cold; thermometer 10 degrees above zero.

EAST SAGINAW, Mich.—Thermometer 19 degrees above zero.

PONTIAC, Mich.—Thermometer 7 degrees above zero.

GRAND HAVEN, Mich.—The weather is extremely cold; the wind is very light from the southeast; the sky is cloudless.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—The sky is clear, with a light breeze from the east; thermometer 15 degrees above zero at sunset.

OWASSO, Mich.,—Weather clear and still; thermometer 18 degrees above zero.

LANSING, Mich.—Thermometer 12 degrees above zero.

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—At 7 o'clock this morning the thermometer was 6 degrees below zero, with a sharp dry wind from the northeast; the barometer was higher than ever before observed here; the thermometer at sunset indicated 8 degrees above zero; the weather is moderating.

JACKSON, Mich.—Thermometer at sunset 9 degrees above zero. Wind nearly north; weather clear.

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Weather clear; wind northeast. Thermometer 10 degrees above zero at sunset. Has stood 7 and 9 during the day.

NILES, Mich.—Weather clear and still. Thermometer at sunset 10 degrees above.

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt.—Clear; wind northwest. Thermometer 10 degrees below zero.

ODDENSBURGH, N. Y.—Wind north. Thermometer 6 degrees below.

LITTLETON, N. H.—Thermometer 12 degrees below zero.

CONCORD, N. H.—Thermometer 10 degrees above zero.

CALAIS, Me.—Wind northwest. Weather fresh and clear. Thermometer at zero.

MONTREAL.—Weather milder. Thermometer at zero.

PHILADELPHIA.—Last night was the coldest ever known here. The Delaware is closed up below and above the city, and all the ferry boats but one are frozen fast in their docks. The mercury in West Philadelphia fell to 18 deg. below zero, and at Chestnut Hill to 14 deg. below. The thermometer has marked 10 deg. below zero only five times since 1836. The weather to-day is clear with a strong northwest wind.

PETERSBURGH, Va.—At sunrise the thermometer stood two degrees below zero, and at noon 10 degrees above. At sunset the weather was slightly milder, the sky cloudy and the wind very high. The day has been the coldest experienced here for several years.

HALIFAX—11 P. M.—The weather is fine, clear and cold to-night. There are no signs of the steamship *Canada*.

FORTRESS MONROE—6 P. M.—The weather is bitterly cold. There was a heavy northeast blow last night.

PETERSBURGH, Va.—The thermometer, at sunset, stood 3 degrees below zero. Weather clear and windy. The Appomattox River was frozen over last night, and the skating is good.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Prof. CASWELL, whose meteorological observations on College Hill, in this city, cover a period of 34 years, reports the thermometer at 17 degrees below zero on Sunday night—two degrees lower than ever before recorded. At 10 o'clock this morning the thermometer stood at 10 degrees below, at sunset 5 degrees above, and at 11 o'clock to-night 10 degrees above zero. The sky is cloudy.

FORTRESS MONROE.—The James River was frozen over last night.

RICHMOND, Va.—The mercury is 8 degrees below freezing point to-night. In the vicinity of Drury's Bluff, floating blocks of ice are piled one above another, stopped by obstructions in the river near that place, and navigation is considered dangerous at present.

WILMINGTON, N. C.—The weather is very cold and clear. The thermometer is 12 deg. above zero to-night.

LOUISVILLE.—Thermometer this morning 10 deg. above zero. In the country it was from 2 to 6 deg. above. Weather moderating this evening.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—There is a strong wind from the north. It is freezing hard in the shade. Weather clear.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Weather clear. Thermometer 30 degrees above.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Weather clear and pleasant; rather cool and windy.

Public Sentiment at the South—Their Feeling about the Union.

Extract of a Private Letter dated

ATHENS, Ga., Dec. 24, 1865.

* * * You may depend on it you are right. We can be trusted. Our submission is honest. We will keep our word. Let kind words and kind acts be substituted for abuse and insult, and harmony such as never existed before during your life or mine will be established between the North and South.

On one subject, perhaps, more than any other, our people are continually galled and mortified by the Northern press. We see every day our leading men abused and denounced as guilty of the most atrocious crimes, and held up to public execration as monsters. Take for instance HOWELL COBB, of this State. His name is constantly connected with WIRZ and Andersonville. His participation in the alleged cruelty to Union prisoners is charged as a fact proved beyond a doubt, and his character is portrayed as more cruel than that of MARAT or DANTON.

Now, to the people of Georgia, who *know* that he had no more to do with the Andersonville prison than you had; that he gave thousands of dollars to Union prisoners; that no application was ever made to him in vain by a Federal prisoner of war; that benevolence and generosity are his most marked characteristics, it is painful to see him unjustly accused of crimes which he abhors, and which he would be the first to denounce. And so it is with others; but I instance him as the one most familiar to me, and in whom our people are most interested. By his influence in every way he has largely contributed to the present peaceful condition of this State, and to the hearty support which is, and will be given to the President's policy. Oh, let crimination and denunciation stop! Let the hand of friendship be extended, and it will be warmly grasped. Continue your good work, and many a Southern heart will thank you as truly and sincerely as does

Your friend, very faithfully.

FIRES IN NEW-HAVEN.

Three Families Burned Out—Gallant Conduct of a Fireman—Severe Suffering from the Cold.

NEW-HAVEN, Monday, Jan. 8.

A fire in this city, at about 4:30 o'clock this morning, damaged a brick building to the amount of $3,000. Messrs. LINSLEY & SON, boot and shoe dealers, and S. COOPER, clothier, were burned out and lost most of their goods. LINSLEY & SON were insured $2,500; COOPER was not insured. There was an insurance on the building of $2,000.

Three families also were burned out, barely escaping in their night-clothes.

The cold was intense. Two steamers were frozen up. The thermometer at 4 o'clock was 20 degrees below zero.

During the progress of this fire another broke out in a building opposite, by which a little girl was terribly burned. She was rescued from the flames by a fireman named LEWIS M. BARNES.

All the insurances were in New-York offices.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

Arrival of the St. David at Halifax—Non-arrival of the Canada.

HALIFAX, N. S., Monday, Jan. 8.

The steamship *St. David*, from Liverpool for New-York, put in here for coals this evening, at 8 o'clock. She has had twelve days of furious gales, and was obliged to heave to for seven days. The ship is all right.

There are no signs of the steamship *Canada*.

Marine Disasters.

BOSTON, Monday, Jan. 8.

About 110 barrels of kerosene oil were picked up to-day, between Race Point and Highland Light, Cape Cod. It is supposed they are part of the cargo of some vessel that has gone to pieces in that vicinity.

A large schooner is ashore at East Dennis.

From Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Monday, Jan. 8.

Cotton dull at 42c. for middling, being the highest price offered; transactions few. But little cotton is coming in.

The bridges on the railroads which were damaged by the late freshet are now repaired, and will be ready to-morrow for the passage of trains; through freight will be received on the 10th.

The river is still falling.

Fire at Jackson, Michigan.

DETROIT, Mich., Monday, Jan. 8.

Five stores were burned at Jackson, Mich., on Sunday morning; loss, $80,000; insurance, $17,000. BUMPERS & WOODSON, boot and shoe dealers, are the heaviest losers.

Marine Disasters.

FORTRESS MONROE, Monday, Jan. 8.

The brig *John Gwin* is ashore.

Five vessels reported wrecked on Hog Island have arrived here leaking.

Inauguration of Gov. Cox.

CINCINNATI, Monday, Jan. 8.

Major-Gen. J. D. COX was inaugurated Governor of Ohio at Columbus to-day, at 2 o'clock.

Non-arrival of the Canada.

HALIFAX, Monday, Jan. 8—10 A. M.

There are as yet no signs of the steamship *Canada*, now overdue here with two days later news from Europe.

The Court of Appeals.

ALBANY, Monday, Jan. 8.

Day Calendar for Jan. 9, 1866—Nos. 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77.

POPULATION OF NEW-YORK.

Official Result of the Census of 1865.

COUNTIES.	Popula'n 1865.	Inc. since 1855.	Ded. since 1855.	Native voters.	Naturalized voters.
Albany	115,504	11,823	....	15,097	9,626
Allegany	40,285	....	1,312	9,054	1,034
Broome	37,693	1,233	....	5,784	778
Cattaraugus	44,205	2,742	....	8,826	1,506
Cayuga	58,736	2,159	....	11,689	1,901
Chautauqua	59,559	5,146	....	12,215	1,993
Chemung	31,923	4,633	....	6,540	910
Chenango	38,630	....	1,555	9,799	537
Clinton	43,713	3,201	....	5,297	2,762
Columbia	44,905	514	....	9,311	1,334
Cortland	24,815	240	....	6,136	456
Delaware	41,536	1,889	....	9,258	1,054
Dutchess	63,172	4,557	....	12,834	3,405
Erie	157,150	24,743	....	14,098	15,343
Essex	28,644	105	....	5,014	1,107
Franklin	26,575	2,695	....	4,031	1,474
Fulton	24,512	1,229	....	5,102	703
Genesee	31,728	196	....	5,960	1,505
Greene	31,710	573	....	7,082	656
Hamilton	2,653	300	....	570	84
Herkimer	39,154	588	....	8,054	1,666
Jefferson	68,448	1,029	....	13,679	1,947
Kings	310,324	94,469	....	39,935	26,934
Lewis	27,840	2,611	....	4,834	1,843
Livingston	37,555	....	308	7,422	1,633
Madison	42,807	....	1,131	8,944	1,178
Monroe	104,235	7,911	....	13,312	8,405
Montgomery	31,447	639	....	6,572	1,122
New-York	726,386	96,482	....	51,500	77,475
Niagara	49,695	1,907	....	7,993	3,132
Oneida	102,713	....	5,136	16,234	8,255
Onondaga	93,332	6,408	....	15,552	5,867
Ontario	42,316	644	....	8,795	1,722
Orange	70,156	9,207	....	12,244	2,783
Orleans	28,603	169	....	5,870	1,106
Oswego	76,200	6,802	....	14,051	3,060
Otsego	48,616	....	1,119	12,222	752
Putnam	14,845	911	....	3,105	339
Queens	87,097	11,731	....	8,171	3,620
Rensselaer	88,210	2,976	....	13,034	6,084
Richmond	26,209	6,505	....	3,213	2,414
Rockland	20,728	1,277	....	3,549	770
St. Lawrence	60,904	6,017	....	13,269	3,493
Saratoga	49,872	513	....	9,959	1,823
Schenectady	20,888	1,316	....	3,621	1,249
Schoharie	33,353	....	166	7,763	320
Schuyler	13,441	....	336	4,533	338
Seneca	27,653	2,245	....	5,536	1,107
Steuben	66,192	3,227	....	14,004	1,762
Suffolk	42,899	1,983	....	9,058	903
Sullivan	23,741	3,254	....	5,597	1,976
Tioga	26,163	1,201	....	6,812	402
Tompkins	30,696	....	820	7,556	443
Ulster	76,646	7,673	....	13,029	3,215
Warren	21,128	1,459	....	4,100	640
Washington	46,244	1,838	....	9,153	1,614
Wayne	47,498	738	....	9,530	1,917
Westchester	101,197	20,549	....	14,260	6,183
Wyoming	30,093	....	2,115	6,143	1,390
Yates	19,338	....	474	4,630	452
Total	3,831,937	383,232		583,554	239,832

COUNTIES.	Total voters.	Aliens.	Colored persons not taxed.	Number deducting aliens and persons not taxed.	Members of Assembly.
Albany	24,723	10,422	866	104,216	4
Alleghany	10,088	916	149	30,220	1
Broome	9,562	1,134	268	36,541	1
Cattaraugus	10,334	1,817	153	43,764	2
Cayuga	13,580	3,210	323	52,197	2
Chautauqua	14,228	3,506	156	54,837	2
Chemung	7,450	2,015	422	29,486	1
Chenango	10,336	514	157	37,699	1
Clinton	8,052	6,094	84	39,535	1
Columbia	10,635	2,009	555	42,941	2
Courtland	6,592	833	22	24,560	1
Delaware	10,582	770	130	40,798	2
Dutchess	15,119	4,806	1,514	59,872	3
Erie	29,641	20,538	871	134,545	5
Es ex	6,121	2,339	80	27,245	1
Franklin	5,506	2,832	11	23,302	1
Fulton	5,895	563	126	23,823	1
Genesee	7,465	2,327	76	28,516	1
Greene	7,745	721	577	30,412	1
Hamilton	637	38	1	2,614	—
Herkimer	8,720	2,027

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AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION HELD on the 1st inst., the following gentlemen were elected Directors:

J. D. SPARKMAN, DAVID DOWS, J. H. HERRICK, SAMUEL HEADLEY, WM. K. BELCHER, WM. J. SCHENCK, JOHN S. ROBERTS, JOHN W. LEE, JOSIAH M. ISTS, C. W. F. RANDOLPH, C. BARTLETT, JOHN M. WHITE, GEORGE ELDER, R. O. HEINSOHN, THOMAS T. STURGIS, A. F. OCKERHAUSEN, C. R. VAN ALLEN, HAVERSMYER, A. C. T. BUCKLEY, P. W. VAN BOSKERCK, E. W. GRIFFIN, WM. MILLER, EBEN SUTTON, FRED'K MEAD, SAMUEL BLAKE, E. B. LIVERMORE, JOHN M. FURMAN, W. H. FOSTER, HENRY OTHERMAN, ROBERT B. WILLETS, HENRY FINCK, GEORGE DOUGLASS, GEORGE DAYTON, GEORGE L. KENT, F. R. OGDEN, G. B. POWELL, JOHN A. LIVINGSTON, C. H. LUDINGTON, E. J. LOWISSE, JAMES K. PLACE, A. WYCKOFF, R. F. MASON.

And at a subsequent meeting held this day, R. F MASON was unanimously elected President, and J. D. SPARKMAN, Vice-President.

W. H. WINDSOR, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 3, 1866.

DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF THE UNITED STATES.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1865.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank, for the election of directors, will be held at their banking-house on the second TUESDAY in January next. By order of the board.

J. C. MARSELLUS, Assistant Cashier.

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OFFICE OF THE WILKESBARRE COAL AND IRON COMPANY, No. 16 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 3, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the WILKESBARRE COAL AND IRON COMPANY, for election of directors &c., will be held WEDNESDAY, 31st inst., at the office of the Wyoming Valley Coal Company, in the City of Boston, at 12 o'clock. The polls will remain open until 2 o'clock P. M. Transfer books will be closed from Jan. 22 to Feb. 1, inclusive. By order of the Board.

WM. H. TILLINGHAST, Secretary.

OFFICE OF TARNISH SILVER MINING COMPANY, No. 81 BROADWAY, Dec. 27, 1865.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this company for the election of Trustees, will be held at the office of the company on MONDAY, Jan. 8, from 12 to 1 P. M.

ALFRED A. POST Secretary.

MILL CREEK OIL COMPANY, No. 77 Cedar-st.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Company for the election of Trustees and for the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the Company on TUESDAY, Jan. 9 next, from 1 to 2 o'clock P. M.

W. B. HOYT, Secretary.

THE NATIONAL PARK BANK OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank, and for inspectors of the next ensuing election, will be held at the Banking-house on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

JAMES L. WORTH, Cashier.

IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1866.

AN ELECTION OF DIRECTORS OF this Bank, and also of inspectors of the next election, will be held on the second TUESDAY of this month, at the banking-house of this bank. The poll will open at 12 M., and close at 1 P. M. JAMES BUELL, President.

SEVENTH WARD NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of the bank will be held at its banking-house on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1866, from 1 until 2 o'clock P. M.

G. MONTAGUE, Cashier.

A MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF Trustees of the Rock Bottom Oil Company for the ensuing year, and three inspectors, will be held at the office of the company, (up stairs,) on TUESDAY, Jan. 16, 1866, from 12 M. to 2 P. M.

WM. H. WALBRIDGE, Secretary.

JAN. 3, 1866.

OFFICE OF THE KENTUCKY BOURBON CO., No. 52 BROADWAY, New-York, Dec. 27, 1865.

A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this Company for the election of directors and the transaction of other business, will be held at the office, No. 52 Broadway, New-York, on Monday, Jan. 8, 1866, at 3 o'clock P. M.

C. H. SANBORN, President.

OFFICE OF NEW-YORK SILVER MINING COMPANY, No. 80 BROADWAY, Jan. 5, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this company for the election of trustees, will be held at the office of the company on TUESDAY, the 16th inst., from 12 to 1 P. M.

S. R. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

NEW-YORK COUNTY NATIONAL BANK, Jan. 2, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this bank will be held on TUESDAY, the 9th inst., between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock.

J. G. OGDEN, Cashier.

THE MARKET NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next, from 12 M. to 1 o'clock P. M.

N. GILBERT, Cashier.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1865.

AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this Association will be held at the banking-room, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. By order of the board.

O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the UNION MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY of the City of New-York, will be held at the office of the company, No. 3 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 16th day of January, 1866, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M., for the election of ten Trustees, to serve for the ensuing year, in the room and stead of those whose terms of office then expire.

W. F. ALDRICH, Secretary.

Dated Jan. 4, 1866.

OCEAN NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this bank will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, the 9th of January next, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock.

J. S. HARTSHORNE, Assistant Cashier.

NATIONAL BROADWAY BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1865.

ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR directors of this bank, and for inspectors of the next ensuing election, will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January proximo, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

THE TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors will be held on TUESDAY, January 9, 1866, from 12 M. to 2 P. M.

ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.

AN ELECTION FOR SEVEN TRUSTEES for the PHILLIPS MINING COMPANY will be held at their office, Nos. 23 and 25 Nassau-st., New-York, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10, 1866, at 12 o'clock noon. The transfer books will be closed from the 8th to the 12th of January.

W. H. STURDEVANT, Acting Secretary.

EAST RIVER NATIONAL BANK.—THE annual election for fifteen directors of this bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 680 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1866, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock P. M.

W. S. CARMAN, Cashier.

CAUTION.—A CHECK; DATED NOV. 16, 1865, signed by Charles Amory, Treasurer, for two thousand dollars, ($2,000,) in favor of Esther S. Green, on the Central National Bank, New-York, having been lost or stolen from the mail, payment of the same has been stopped. All persons are cautioned against negotiating said check.—BOSTON, Jan. 4, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF TRUSTEES for the Gardner Manufacturing Company, will be held at the office of the company, No. 110 Bowery, on TUESDAY, 9th inst. Polls open from 1 to 2 P. M.

JOHN BOWMAN Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ROCK BOTTOM OIL COMPANY, No. 11 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1865.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Rock Bottom Oil Company for the ensuing year, and three inspectors, will be held at the office of the company, (up stairs,) on TUESDAY, Jan. 16, 1866, from 12 M. to 2 P. M.

WM. H. WALBRIDGE, Secretary.

JAN. 3, 1866.

OFFICE OF THE KENTUCKY BOURBON CO., No. 52 BROADWAY, New-York, Dec. 27, 1865.

A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this Company for the election of directors and the transaction of other business, will be held at the office, No. 52 Broadway, New-York, on Monday, Jan. 8, 1866, at 3 o'clock A. M.

C. H. SANBORN, President.

OFFICE OF NEW-YORK SILVER MINING COMPANY, No. 80 BROADWAY, Jan. 5, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this company for the election of trustees, will be held at the office of the company on TUESDAY, the 16th inst., from 12 to 1 P. M.

S. R. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

NEW-YORK COUNTY NATIONAL BANK, Jan. 2, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTors of this bank will be held on TUESDAY, the 9th inst., between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock.

J. G. OGDEN, Cashier.

THE MARKET NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next, from 12 M. to 1 o'clock P. M.

N. GILBERT, Cashier.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1865.

AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this Association will be held at the banking-room, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. By order of the board.

O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the UNION MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY of the City of New-York, will be held at the office of the company, No. 3 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 16th day of January, 1866, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M., for the election of ten Trustees, to serve for the ensuing year, in the room and stead of those whose terms of office then expire.

W. F. ALDRICH, Secretary.

Dated Jan. 4, 1866.

OCEAN NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this bank will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, the 9th of January next, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock.

J. S. HARTSHORNE, Assistant Cashier.

NATIONAL BROADWAY BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1865.

ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR directors of this bank, and for inspectors of the next ensuing election, will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January proximo, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

THE TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors will be held on TUESDAY, January 9, 1866, from 12 M. to 2 P. M.

ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.

AN ELECTION FOR SEVEN TRUSTEES for the PHILLIPS MINING COMPANY will be held at their office, Nos. 23 and 25 Nassau-st., New-York, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10, 1866, at 12 o'clock noon. The transfer books will be closed from the 8th to the 12th of January.

W. H. STURDEVANT, Acting Secretary.

EAST RIVER NATIONAL BANK.—THE annual election for fifteen directors of this bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 680 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1866, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock P. M.

W. S. CARMAN, Cashier.

CAUTION.—A CHECK; DATED NOV. 16, 1865, signed by Charles Amory, Treasurer, for two thousand dollars, ($2,000,) in favor of Esther S. Green, on the Central National Bank, New-York, having been lost or stolen from the mail, payment of the same has been stopped. All persons are cautioned against negotiating said check.—BOSTON, Jan. 4, 1866.

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JOHN BOWMAN Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ROCK BOTTOM OIL COMPANY, No. 11 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1865.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Rock Bottom Oil Company for the ensuing year, and three inspectors, will be held at the office of the company, (up stairs,) on TUESDAY, Jan. 16, 1866, from 12 M. to 2 P. M.

WM. H. WALBRIDGE, Secretary.

JAN. 3, 1866.

OFFICE OF THE KENTUCKY BOURBON CO., No. 52 BROADWAY, New-York, Dec. 27, 1865.

A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this Company for the election of directors and the transaction of other business, will be held at the office, No. 52 Broadway, New-York, on Monday, Jan. 8, 1866, at 3 o'clock A. M.

C. H. SANBORN, President.

OFFICE OF NEW-YORK SILVER MINING COMPANY, No. 80 BROADWAY, Jan. 5, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this company for the election of trustees, will be held at the office of the company on TUESDAY, the 16th inst., from 12 to 1 P. M.

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OFFICE OF THE WILKESBARRE COAL AND IRON COMPANY, No. 16 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 3, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the WILKESBARRE COAL AND IRON COMPANY, for election of directors &c., will be held WEDNESDAY, 31st inst., at the office of the Wyoming Valley Coal Company, in the City of Boston, at 12 o'clock. The polls will remain open until 2 o'clock P. M. Transfer books will be closed from Jan. 22 to Feb. 1, inclusive. By order of the Board.

WM. H. TILLINGHAST, Secretary.

OFFICE OF TARNISH SILVER MINING COMPANY, No. 81 BROADWAY, Dec. 27, 1865.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this company for the election of Trustees, will be held at the office of the company on MONDAY, Jan. 8, from 12 to 1 P. M.

ALFRED A. POST Secretary.

MILL CREEK OIL COMPANY, No. 77 Cedar-st.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Company for the election of Trustees and for the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the Company on TUESDAY, Jan. 9 next, from 1 to 2 o'clock P. M.

W. B. HOYT, Secretary.

THE NATIONAL PARK BANK OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank, and for inspectors of the next ensuing election, will be held at the Banking-house on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

JAMES L. WORTH, Cashier.

IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1866.

AN ELECTION OF DIRECTORS OF this Bank, and also of inspectors of the next election, will be held on the second TUESDAY of this month, at the banking-house of this bank. The poll will open at 12 M., and close at 1 P. M. JAMES BUELL, President.

SEVENTH WARD NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of the bank will be held at its banking-house on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1866, from 1 until 2 o'clock P. M.

G. MONTAGUE, Cashier.

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WM. H. WALBRIDGE, Secretary.

JAN. 3, 1866.

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C. H. SANBORN, President.

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NEW-YORK COUNTY NATIONAL BANK, Jan. 2, 1866.

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J. G. OGDEN, Cashier.

THE MARKET NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1865.

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N. GILBERT, Cashier.

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O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.

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W. F. ALDRICH, Secretary.

Dated Jan. 4, 1866.

OCEAN NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1865.

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J. S. HARTSHORNE, Assistant Cashier.

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THE TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1865.

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W. H. STURDEVANT, Acting Secretary.

EAST RIVER NATIONAL BANK.—THE annual election for fifteen directors of this bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 680 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1866, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock P. M.

W. S. CARMAN, Cashier.

CAUTION.—A CHECK; DATED NOV. 16, 1865, signed by Charles Amory, Treasurer, for two thousand dollars, ($2,000,) in favor of Esther S. Green, on the Central National Bank, New-York, having been lost or stolen from the mail, payment of the same has been stopped. All persons are cautioned against negotiating said check.—BOSTON, Jan. 4, 1866.

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JOHN BOWMAN Secretary.

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WM. H. WALBRIDGE, Secretary.

JAN. 3, 1866.

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N. GILBERT, Cashier.

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W. F. ALDRICH, Secretary.

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JOHN BOWMAN Secretary.

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JAN. 3, 1866.

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S. R. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

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94TH DIVIDEND. OFFICE OF THE MERCANTILE FIRE INSURANCE CO.,

No. 166 Broadway, New-York. Jan. 4, 1866.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of four (4) per cent. on the capital stock, free of government tax, payable on and after MONDAY, Jan. 8.

WM. A. ANDERSON, Secretary.

JOSEPH S. LOCKWOOD,

STOCK BROKER,

No. 63 Wall-st., ... New-York.

Stocks, Bonds, &c., on Commission. Mail or telegraph orders attended to with care.

GREENLEAF, NORRIS & CO.,

STOCK BROKERS,

No. 44 Exchange-place, New-York.

VALUABLE COAL LANDS FOR LEASE.—THE COAL RIDGE IMPROVEMENT AND COAL COMPANY offer to lease their lands, situated near Mount Carmel, Northumb rland County, Penn., containing 2 313 acres in one basin of about four miles in length, in which are developed, unmined, Mammoth, Skidmore and other veins of first quality of coal. The Mammoth and Pack veins have been worked to some extent on both the north and south dips.

The Lehigh and Mahanoy Railroad passes through these lands, and will be prepared to carry coal on the opening of next season, making a direct outlet to Philadelphia and other shipping points near New-York. There are connections with the Mine Hill and Reading Roads, the Shamokin Valley and Northern Central Railroads, giving a South market to Baltimore, &c., &c., also by the Sunbury and Erie Railroad to the lakes and New-York. There is abundance of timber on the lands for mining purposes.

The whole will be embraced in one lease, if desired. For further information apply or direct to the office of the company, No. 329 Walnut-st., Philadelphia.

JOS. C. WRIGHT, President.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6, 1865.

GREENWICH SAVINGS BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1866.

JANUARY INTEREST FOR 1866.—THE Board of Trustees of this institution have directed that interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum on all sums of $500 and under, and of four per cent. on deposits over $500, free from government tax, be allowed to all depositors entitled thereto, payable on or after MONDAY, Jan. 15. All interest not drawn will draw interest from Jan. 1 as principal.

B. F. WHEELWRIGHT, President.

JOHN S. DICKERSON, } Secretaries.
JAMES BRYCE, }

OFFICE OF MUSK-RAT RUN PETROLEUM COMPANY, No. 11 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1865.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Musk-Rat Run Petroleum Company, of Venango County, Penn., for the election of a Board of Directors to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held at this office, on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1866, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The polls will be open from 11 A. M. to 12 M.

W. J. YOUNG, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK AND PHILADELPHIA PETROLEUM COMPANY, No. 19 BROAD-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1865.

A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the New-York and Philadelphia Petroleum Company will be held at their office, at 12 o'clock M., Jan. 15, 1866, for the purpose of reducing their capital stock from $1,500,000 to $600,000.

EDMUND C. STEDMAN,
ALBERT H. NICOLAY,
HENRY R. THOMAS,
CHARLES E. CLARKE, JR., } Majority of Trustees.
H. G. LEISENRING,

MISSISSIPPI AND MISSOURI RAILROAD COMPANY.—The

SHIPPING.

ONLY AMERICAN LINE TO ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

The New-York and Havre Steamship Company's first-class mail steamships ARAGO and FULTON, having been thoroughly refitted, will leave Pier No. 50 North River for Havre, calling at Falmouth, as follows:

ARAGO.....HENRY A. GARDNER.....Jan. 20, 1866.
FULTON.....JAMES A. WOTTON.....Feb. 17, 1866.
ARAGO.....HENRY A. GARDNER.....March 11, 1866.
FULTON.....JAMES A. WOTTON.....April 14, 1866.

And every twenty-eight days thereafter.

PRICES OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.

First cabin.....$132 50 | Second cabin.....$80 00

Through tickets to London, $5 extra.

An experienced surgeon on board.

The company will not be responsible for specie or valuables unless bills of lading, having the value expressed, are signed therefor.

For further information, apply to

ISAAC BELL, President
No. 7 Broadway, New-York.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S NEW LINE OF FIRST-CLASS MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The first splendid vessels on this favorite route for the continent are the following:

WASHINGTON.....3,904 tons.....900-horse power
LAFAYETTE.....3,224 tons.....900-horse power
EUROPE.....3,204 tons.....900-horse power
NAPOLEON III.....1,100-horse power
ST. LAURENT.....(Building).....Great power.
PERRIERE.....(Building).....Great power.
VILLE DE PARIS.....(Building).....Great power.

DEPARTURES FROM NEW-YORK.

Pier No. 50 North River.

WASHINGTON...M. SUARMONT....FRIDAY.....Feb. 2
EUROPE.....A. DUCHESNE....FRIDAY....March 2

Carrying only cabin passengers.

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.

First cabin, $135; second cabin, $80, including table wine for cabins, &c.

Passengers intending to land at Brest will be furnished here with railroad coupon tickets, and their baggage checked to Paris, an additional charge of $5 for first and $3 for second class.

Medical attendance free of charge.

For further information apply to

GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent,
Removed from No. 7 to 58 Broadway.

At Paris, 12 Boulevard des Capucines, (Grand Hotel.)
At Havre, WM. ISELIN & CO.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS.

BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

AND

BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.

CUBA leaves Boston Wednesday, Jan. 3.
AUSTRALASIAN leaves New-York Wednesday, Jan. 10.
CANADA leaves Boston Wednesday, Jan. 17.
NOVA SCOTIA leaves New-York Wednesday, Jan. 24.
ASIA leaves Boston Wednesday, Jan. 31.
JAVA leaves New-York Wednesday, Feb. 7.

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage.....$132 50
Second Cabin Passage.....80 00

FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage.....$112 50
Second Cabin Passage.....65 00

payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.

Berths not secured until paid for.

An experienced surgeon on board.

The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or Valuables unless bills of lading, having the value expressed, are signed therefor.

For freight or passage, apply to

E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

NATIONAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

(Limited.)

Calling at Queenstown to land passengers.

Ships.	Tons	Commanders
QUEEN.....built.....1862	3,400	Corgan.
ENGLAND—building.....	3,450	
SCOTLAND.....	3,605	Hall.
ERIN.....	3,700	Irvin.
HELVETIA.....	3,315	Prowse.
PENNSYLVANIA.....	2,972	McNevin.
VIRGINIA.....	2,879	Lewis.
LOUISIANA.....	2,186	Cutting.

Leaving Pier No. 47, North River, as follows:

SCOTLAND.....SATURDAY, Jan. 6
LOUISIANA.....SATURDAY, Jan. 13
ERIN.....SATURDAY, Jan. 20

AND EVERY SATURDAY THEREAFTER.

The size of these steamships affords of very unusually large state-rooms, all opening directly into the saloon; the accommodations and fare are unsurpassed, and the rates lower than by any other line.

An experienced Surgeon on each ship free of charge.

Cabin passage, $90; Steerage, $30—payable in currency.

The owners of these vessels will not be accountable for specie or valuables unless bills of lading, having their value expressed therein, are signed therefor.

For freight or cabin passage, apply at the office of the Company, No. 57 Broadway.

C. H. EDWARDS, Manager.

For steerage passage at THOMPSON'S Passage Office, No. 275 Pearl-st., and at the Company's Office, No. 57 Broadway.

AMERICAN LINE TO ENGLAND AND BREMEN.

THE NORTH AMERICAN LLOYD STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S

First-class Mail Steamship
WESTPHALIA,
(2,600 tons, 1,000 horse power,)
CHAS. HOYER, Commander,

being thoroughly refitted for passenger service, for the ocean service, will leave for Bremen, calling at Cowes,

On the 17th of MARCH.

Price of passage, payable in gold:

First Cabin.....$145 00
Second Cabin.....62 50
Steerage.....37 50

An experienced surgeon on board.

The Company will not be responsible for specie or valuables unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.

Another first-class steamship will leave 31st March.

For freight or passage, apply to

RUGER BROTHERS, Agents,
No. 45 Beaver-st.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL—CALLING AT Queenstown.

The Inman Line, sailing semi-weekly, carrying the United States Mails.

CITY OF LONDON.....SATURDAY.....Jan. 13
KANGAROO.....WEDNESDAY.....Jan. 17
CITY OF BALTIMORE.....SATURDAY.....Jan. 20

and each succeeding SATURDAY and WEDNESDAY, at noon, from Pier No. 44 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

BY THE MAIL STEAMER SAILING EVERY SATURDAY.

First Cabin.....$80 | Steerage.....$30
First Cabin to London.....$85 | Steerage to London.....$35
First Cabin to Paris.....$105 | Steerage to Paris.....$40

PAYABLE IN GOLD.

Passage by the Wednesday steamers: First Cabin, $100; Steerage, $35. Payable in U. S. currency.

Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at moderate rates.

Steerage passage from Liverpool or Queenstown, $30 gold, or the equivalent. Tickets can be bought here by persons sending for their friends.

For further information apply at the Company's Offices.

JOHN G. DALE, Agent, No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP AUSTRALASIAN.

FOR LIVERPOOL.—The AUSTRALASIAN, T. COOK, Commander, will sail from the company's dock, at Jersey City, with the mails and passengers for Europe, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th inst.

Passengers are requested to be on board by 11 o'clock A. M.

The SCOTIA will sail on the 24th inst.

E. CUNARD,
No. 4 Bowling-green.

PASSAGE TO AND FROM GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND by

TAFSCOTT'S

favorite lines of LONDON and LIVERPOOL PACKETS, sailing every week. Parties wishing to send for their friends or remit money to the Old Country can do so on the most favorable terms by applying to

TAFSCOTT, BROTHER & CO.,
No. 82 South-st.

UNITED STATES MAIL LINE FOR RIO DE JANEIRO.

CALLING AT

ST. THOMAS, PARA, PERNAMBUCO AND BAHIA EVERY TRIP.

THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY

will dispatch regularly on the 20th of each month, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 43 North River,

ONE OF THEIR NEW FIRST-CLASS STEAMSHIPS,

THE

NORTH AMERICA,

L. F. TERNERMANN, Commander,

WILL LEAVE

ON MONDAY, THE 22nd OF JANUARY.

An experienced Surgeon is attached to each steamship.

All letters must pass through the Post-office.

Large lots of heavy freight at low rates.

For freight or passage apply to

THOMAS ASENCIO & CO.,
No. 2 Broadway, 3d floor.

FOR HAVANA DIRECT.

The United States mail side-wheel steamship

COLUMBIA,

D. B. BARTON, Commander,

will leave Pier No. 4 North River, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10, at 3 o'clock P. M., for Havana direct.

For freight or passage apply to

SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO.,
No. 10 Broadway.

P. S.—The favorite steamship MORRO CASTLE will succeed the COLUMBIA, and leave on Jan. 17.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.

PEOPLE'S MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

EMILY B. SOUDER.....Capt. H. LOCKWOOD
MONEKA.....Capt. WM. MARSHMAN

The above splendid steamships will leave every THURSDAY, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 29 North River, invariably landing cargo at Charleston on Monday morning.

The new and elegant steamship

EMILY B. SOUDER,

sails on THURSDAY, Jan. 11, at 3 o'clock P. M.

For freight or passage, with unsurpassed accommodation, apply to

LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 141 Broadway.

Consignees at Charleston will please apply to GETTY & CO. All bills of lading signed on board the ship.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.

REGULAR UNITED STATES MAIL LINE
FOR FIRST-CLASS STEAMSHIPS.

GRANADA,
ALHAMBRA,
ANDALUSIA,
SARAGOSSA,

and the QUAKER CITY,

Will be despatched promptly at 3 o'clock, from pier No. 14 East River.

Bills of lading signed on board.

For freight or passage, apply to

ARTHUR LEARY, No. 73 William-st.

The New-York built, very fast and new steamship GRANADA, ROBERT BARTON, Master,

is now receiving cargo, and will be dispatched on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10.

FOR WILMINGTON N. C.—DIRECT.

ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR WEEKLY LINE,

connecting with railroads and steamboats for the interior.

RALEIGH, Capt. WALKER.
ADELE, Capt. ROBERTELLE.

The new and splendid steamship ADELE will leave her pier, No. 36 North River, for the above port on SATURDAY, Jan. 13, at 3 P. M.

For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to

LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO.,
No. 141 Broadway.

All goods consigned to the agents at Wilmington, Messrs. Harris & Howell, will be promptly forwarded.

Bills of lading signed on board the vessel.

FOR WILMINGTON, N. C.

Commercial Line of United States Mail Steamships, FAIRBANKS.....Capt. WM. POWELL
WM. CLYDE.....Capt. JAS. S. ROBBINS

The A1 steamship FAIRBANKS is now receiving freight at Pier No. 15 East River, and will sail on THURSDAY, Jan. 11, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Superior accommodations for passengers. For freight or passage apply to

CHAS. H. PIERSON, No. 77 South-st.
or, JAMES HAND, No. 117 Wall-st.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT AGENCY

—NO. 41 CHAMBERS-ST.—Citizens about to travel abroad, may procure passports from A. G. WILLMARTH, Room No. 22.

SHIPPING.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S

THROUGH LINE

TO CALIFORNIA,

AND CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL, leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon, on the 1st, 11th and 21st of every month, (except when those dates fall on Sunday, and then on the preceding Saturday,) for ASPINWALL, connecting, via Panama Railway, with one of the company's steamships from Panama for SAN FRANCISCO, touching at ACAPULCO.

DECEMBER.

30th. HENRY CHAUNCEY, connecting with SACRAMENTO.

JANUARY.

11th. ATLANTIC, connecting with GOLDEN AGE.
24th. NEW-YORK, connecting with CONSTITUTION.

Departures of 1st and 21st connect at Panama with steamers for SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS; 1st and 11th for CENTRAL AMERICAN PORTS. Those of 1st touch at MANZANILLO.

THROUGH PASSAGE RATES, IN CURRENCY.

First Cabin.	Second Cabin.	Steerage.
$300	$260	$100

A discount of ONE-QUARTER from steamers' rates will be allowed to second cabin and steerage passengers accompanied by their families.

Baggage checked through. One hundred pounds allowed each adult.

An experienced surgeon on board. Medicines and attendance free.

For passage tickets or further information apply at the company's ticket office, on the wharf, foot of Canal-st., North River, New-York.

F. W. G. BELLOWS, Agent.

OPPOSITION LINE TO CALIFORNIA.

EXTRAORDINARY LOW PRICES.

First Class. $250. | Second Class. $150. | Third Class. $50.

The Central American Transit Company will sell passage tickets at above rates,

THROUGH TO SAN FRANCISCO,

sailing from New-York on the splendid steamer

SANTIAGO DE CUBA,

JERRY W. SMITH, Esq., Commander,

from Pier No. 3 North River, at NOON on Jan. 20.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Apply early for your tickets by a remittance by mail, or at No. 177 West-st., corner of Warren-st. D. N. CARRINGTON, Agent.

OFFICE OF WELLS, FARGO & CO.

NEW-YORK AND CALIFORNIA EXPRESS AND EXCHANGE COMPANY, NO. 84 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK.—SHIPPERS OF FREIGHT TO THE PACIFIC COAST will please take notice that having been appointed Freight Agents Pacific Mail Steamship Company, we are now prepared to receive freights for California, Oregon, Nevada, Washington Territory, Sandwich Islands, Central America and west coast of South America.

For rates apply at our office, No. 84 Broadway, or freight office on dock foot of Canal-st.

Steamers will sail 1st, 11th, and 21st of each month; those dates falling on Sunday, on preceding Saturday.

No goods or freight received on day of sailing. Freight MUST BE DELIVERED ON DOCK FOOT OF CANAL-ST. Bills of lading will be issued at No. 84 Broadway. Our usual package express will be sent by each steamer, and will close at 10 A. M. on sailing day. Our letter bags will close at 11½ A. M. For convenience of our up-town customers, letter bags will be kept at the Metropolitan Hotel during the dock, foot of Canal-st.

Our FRANKED ENVELOPES will be on sale at the office of the hotel, and at our office, No. 84 Broadway, and Canal-st. dock.

All letters sent through us must be in Government envelopes.

Sight Exchange on San Francisco for sale.

Telegraphic transfers of money made to all points reache, by the wires on West Coast.

California coupons bought at best rates.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Consignees of freight per Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamers will receive orders for delivery at the office of Wells, Fargo & Co., No. 84 Broadway, upon surrender of their bills of lading.

Goods remaining on the wharf twenty-four hours after discharge will be stored at expense and risk of consignees.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
Sole Agents P. M. S. S. Co.

FOR CALIFORNIA VIA PANAMA.—THE Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer ATLANTIC will sail on THURSDAY, Jan. 11.

Cabin passage secured as usual.

For tariff of reduced rates, apply at our office, No. 84 Broadway.

SHIPPERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SEND WITH EACH CART-LOAD A DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS, AND MEMORANDUM OF WEIGHT OF EACH PACKAGE.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
Sole Freight Agents P. M. S. S. Co.

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

FROM PIER NO. 2 NORTH RIVER.

THROUGH LINE OF SIDE-WHEEL LINERS.

The splendid sidewheel steamship SAN SALVADOR, JOSHUA ATKINS, Commander, of the Atlantic Mail Steamship Company's Line, sail for Savannah, from pier No. 2 North River, on SATURDAY, Jan. 13, at 3 o'clock precisely.

Freights to all parts of Georgia, Florida and Northern Ports forwarded by our agent at Savannah, free of commission.

Rates furnished by the undersigned.

The steamer SAN JACINTO follows on SATURDAY, Jan. 20.

The passenger accommodations of these steamers are unsurpassed. Apply to

HARRISON & ALLEN, Agents,
Agent at Savannah, No. 5 Bowling-green.
B. H. HARDEE.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA., DIRECT.

ATLANTIC COAST MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

of side-wheel steamers, connecting with railroads throughout Georgia and Florida.

HERMAN LIVINGSTON.....Capt. J. B. BAKER.
NIGHTINGALE.....Capt. WM. BREAKER.
GEN. BARNES.....Capt. THOS. H. MORTON.

The new and splendid side-wheel steamship HERMAN LIVINGSTON leaves on SATURDAY, Jan. 13, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 26, North River.

For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to

LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO.,
No. 141 Broadway.

Agent at Savannah, JOHN R. WILDER, who will forward goods intended for the interior.

All bills of lading furnished and signed on board.

FOR SAVANNAH.

MURRAY'S WEEKLY LINE.

The first-class steamship

LEO.....MERRILL, Commander.
VIRGO.....BURKLEY, Commander.
ZODIAC.....SEARDON, Commander.

The LEO is now receiving freight at Pier No. 16 East River, and will sail on SATURDAY, Jan. 13, at 3 P. M.

For freight or passage apply to

MURRAY, HOWELL & CO., No. 62 South-st.

OCTAVUS CORBIN, Agent, Savannah.

FOR SAVANNAH—PIONEER LINE.

Cabin passage.....$25 | Deck.....$10

A first-class steamship will leave Pier No. 4 North River at 3 P. M. on THURSDAY of each week, landing cargo from the dock on Monday morning.

The new and first-class steamship

CHASE,

Capt. HOATH,

will leave on THURSDAY, Jan. 11.

For freight or first-class passage, apply to

LEWIS L. JONES, No. 17 Broadway.

For deck passage apply on board.

Agents in Savannah. HUNTER & GAMMELL.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT

ATLANTIC AND MISSISSIPPI STEAMSHIP LINE.

FIRST-CLASS STEAMSHIPS AND SUPERIOR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PASSENGERS.

$40 FIRST CABIN PASSAGE.

The new ocean steamship MISSOURI, JAMES SHERMAN, Commander, is now receiving freight at Pier No. 3, North River, and will sail on her second voyage to New-Orleans, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10, at 3 P. M. precisely.

The very fast and favorite steamship MATANZAS, Lawrence, Commander, will follow on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 17, calling at Havana to land passengers.

First cabin passage to either port

$40 CURRENCY.

Insurance by these vessels at lowest rates. Bills of lading furnished and signed on the wharf. For engagement of freight or passage, apply to

GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

N. B.—For through river freight beyond New-Orleans apply to EAGER & OGDEN, No. 61 Broad-st., Agents of the A. & M. S. S. Co. of St. Louis.

NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS.—The New-York Mail Steamship Company's steamship GUIDING STAR, will leave on SATURDAY, Jan. 13, at 3 P. M., from the Company's Pier, No. 40 North River

For freight or passage apply to

JAMES A. RAYNOR, No. 10 Barclay-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS—DIRECT.

BLACK STAR LINE.

The first-class steamship

EVELINE,

Capt. FREDERICK CROCKER,

will leave Pier No. 13, North River, on SATURDAY, Jan. 13, at 2 P. M. This line is now prepared to receive freight at all times during business hours, upon the pier No. 13 North River.

For freight or passage, having elegant accommodations, apply to

R. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 54 Wall-st.
GEO. A. FOSDICK, Agent at New-Orleans.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

The COASTWISE COMPANY will despatch the A1 Steamer FLAG,

G. W. BROWN, Master,

On SATURDAY, Jan. 13, at 2 P. M., from Pier No 29 North River, foot of Warren-st.

FIRST CABIN PASSAGE, $40; SECOND DITTO, $25.

Apply at Company's Office, No. 177 West-st., cor. Warren-st.; or to R. H. DRUMMOND, No. 94 Wall-st.

D. N. CARRINGTON.

NEW-YORK AND VIRGINIA STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THE OLD LINE.

From Pier No. 21, North River, foot of Fulton-st., for Norfolk, City Point and Richmond.

STEAMERS GO TO THE WHARF AT RICHMOND.

The new and elegant sidewheel steamships,

NIAGARA,
SARATOGA,

GEORGE W. COUCH, Commander,

Leaves New-York every SATURDAY, at 3 P. M.

ADOLPH L. KING, Commander,

Leaves New-York every WEDNESDAY, at 3 P. M.

Bills of lading signed at the wharf

Passenger accommodations unsurpassed.

G. HEINEKEN & PALMORE,
No. 115 Broadway.

Goods to and from all parts of Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, &c., forwarded by the company's agents free of commission.

FOR RICHMOND, CITY POINT AND NORFOLK.

GOES TO THE WHARF AT RICHMOND.

The new and elegant SIDE-WHEEL steamship

HATTERAS, Capt. LEWIS PARRISH, every SATURDAY, at 12 M.

ALBEMARLE, Capt. H. A. BOURNE, every WEDNESDAY, at 12 M.

FROM PIER NO. 36 NORTH RIVER.

Freight for Newbern, N. C., and all points on Roanoke River, as far as Halifax, forwarded by our agent at Norfolk, free of charge.

For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to

LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO.,
No. 141 Broadway.

Freight received on our covered pier, No. 36 North River, at all times during business hours.

Goods consigned to our address promptly forwarded.

All bills of lading signed on board the ship.

FOR MOBILE.

The New-York and Mobile Steamship Company's steamship

EUTAW,

Capt. C. D. COFFIN,

is now receiving freight at Pier No. 6 East River, for MOBILE, and will sail on SATURDAY, Jan. 13, at 12 o'clock.

Goes to wharf with all her cargo, and insures at the lowest rates.

For freight or passage apply to

STARBUCK & WHEELER, Agents,
No. 13 Broadway.

SHIPPING.

FOR MOBILE DIRECT.

REGULAR LINE.

The first-class steamships

GULF CITY, Capt. JAMES STEWART.
GULF STREAM, Capt. ROBERT MOORE.
VICKSBURGH, Capt. WILLIAM F. MCCREERY.
MERCEDITA, Capt. R. C. WILLIAMS.

For freight or passage, with superior accommodations, apply to

SMITH & DUNNING,
No. 66 South-st.

Extra freight will be charged on all goods for which bills of lading are not taken out before the steamer sails

FOR APALACHICOLA, VIA KEY WEST

The Steamship

FLORIDA.

Capt. BARSTOW,

Will take freight on TUESDAY, Jan. 2, at Pier No. 13 East River, for the above ports, and sail on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10, at 3 P. M.

Goods will be promptly forwarded to Eufaula, Columbus, Albany, &c.

For freight or passage apply to

BENJ. RICHARDS & SONS, No. 46 South-st.

RAILROADS.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.

On and after MONDAY, Jan. 1, 1866, trains for Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western trains, will leave New-York as follows:

7:30 A. M. via Hudson River Railroad, 30th-st. and 10th-av., connecting with trains for North and West.

10 A. M. via Hudson River Railroad, connecting with Northern and Western trains.

11 A. M. via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting with trains for North and West.

3:40 P. M. via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Troy with train for Montreal, with sleeping-cars attached.

4 P. M. via Harlem Railroad connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with Boston, Lake George and Saratoga and Troy and Boston, for points North, with sleeping-cars attached.

6 P. M. via Hudson River Railroad; sleeping-cars from New-York to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change. Also, to Montreal via Saratoga. This train runs on Sundays.

10 P. M. via Hudson River Railroad; with sleeping-cars attached, connecting at Albany and Troy with morning trains for North and West.

WM. H. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE DEPOT 24 feet of Chambers-st., via Pavonia Ferry:

7:00 A. M.—Day Express, for Canandaigua, Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca and West. Connects at Buffalo with Lake Shore and Grand Trunk Railways, and at Salamanca, with Atlantic and Great Western Railway.

8:30 A. M.—Milk and Way Train, daily, for Otisville.

10:00 A. M.—Express Mail, for Buffalo, Salamanca, and Dunkirk, connecting with Lake Shore and Atlantic and Great Western Railways.

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MILITARY DIVISION OF THE GULF,
NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 2, 1865.

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TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1866,

LAST APPEARANCES OF
MLLE. PAREPA,
Mr. J. LEVY, HERR CARL ROSA,

assisted by

Mr. S. B. MILLS, (piano,)
HERR CARL ANSCHUTZ

and a Grand Orchestra.

PROGRAMME.

Mlle. PAREPA—Scena from "Robert le Diable," by Meyerbeer; "Sing, Birdie, Sing," by W. Cann; Aria from "Nozze di Figaro," by Mozart, and Ballad, by Claribel.

Mr. J. LEVY—Cornet, "Faust;" Waltz, by Gounod; "Whirlwind Polka," by Levy.

HERR CARL ROSA, Violin; Ballade and Polonaise, by Vieuxtemps; Abendlied, by Schumann; Am Springquell, by Lissitz.

Mr. S. B. MILLS, Fantasie on Faust, by Mills; Rhapsodie, by Liszt.

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THE BATTLE OF NEW-ORLEANS.

Semi-Centennial Celebration of Jackson's Victory.

An Enthusiastic Reunion at Tammany Hall.

The Sachems Around the Festive Board.

Speeches of John Van Buren, Mayor Hoffman, James T. Brady, Admiral Farragut, and Others.

The semi-centennial anniversary of the battle of New-Orleans was celebrated last evening at Tammany Hall with something more than regal splendor. Never since the Autumn of Tammany began was there such a mighty gathering of the Sachems and their devoted followers; and the day is in the dim and distant past when Tammany could boast—as she could last night—having within her walls not one, but many, dear to their country and illustrious for all time.

At 7 o'clock, the greater number of the expected guests having arrived, led off by Admiral FARRAGUT and the JOHN VAN BUREN, they passed from the reception room into the grand hall of the Sachems, where a tempting feast was spread before them. The hall was beautifully decorated. Behind the chair was a dais draped with innumerable flags and surmounted by a beautiful equestrian statuette of WASHINGTON. On this dais were seated the members of Grafulla's Band. On the wall behind was the prominent pictorial decoration—a full length portrait of General JACKSON, while to his right was a colossal bust of Admiral FARRAGUT and to his left another of President ANDREW JOHNSON, all these being ornamented by rich festoons of silken stripes and stars. Between the windows of the halls themselves, which were decorated with pendant baskets of exotics, were bannerets with the arms of the several States of the Union. At the end of the room facing the Chair stood a portrait of Gen. GRANT, another of Gen. MCCLELLAN, and a third of President ANDREW JOHNSON—the western side of the hall having gigantic figures, emblematic of liberty and union.

The Chair was taken by Hon. JOHN VAN BUREN, Admiral FARRAGUT being seated on his right and on his left Mayor HOFFMAN, while on either side of these Generals HEINTZELMAN, SANFORD and VAN BUREN, Col. BARSTOW, EDWIN GROSWELL, and long lines of other well-known gentlemen.

Dinner was served up in excellent style, doing credit as far it depended upon their genius or activity, to both the Committee of Management and their colored abettors; but the utmost nimbleness of these latter failed to preserve the temperature of the dishes while on their way from the kitchen to the consumers—the only dishes which came to the table in seasonable condition being the chicken-salad, the boned turkey and the ices. Although there were four large stoves in the hall, their united efforts failed to get up anything like a reasonable supply of caloric for the space demanding it, and the guests not unfrequently disregarded the etiquette of the board by stealing from their seats between the courses for a momentary hug of the nearest stove.

Having discussed the merits of a bill of fare of at least the ordinary dimensions, and drawn rather more than the average number of corks on such occasions, the Tammanyites were called to order by their President, Hon. JOHN VAN BUREN, who said:

SPEECH OF JOHN VAN BUREN.

I rise to propose the first of the regular toasts, and in doing so I shall say a word or two. We are here to-night to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of New-Orleans. We are met in the same hall where the heroes of that great battle met ANDREW JACKSON in 1819—[great cheering]—an interesting circumstance in the history of the Society of Tammany—of New-York and of the country. To-night the same old hall, to-night the same society welcomes again, after nearly 47 years have passed away, new heroes of another conquered Orleans. When ANDREW JACKSON was assailed after the conquest of New-Orleans, Tammany came to his defence in a resolution fully indorsing the policy of that hero and statesman and his principles. That resolution is in my hand, signed by WILLIAM MOONEY, then Grand Sachem of the order. ANDREW JACKSON who had been the idol of the people in 1815, in 1816 was about to be impeached by Congress. This was the time which Tammany came to his support as Tammany always does, actuated only by its sense of right, and not waiting for the wind of popular opinion. That support however was ratified by the people and by their Congress by unprecedented majorities, even by a two-thirds majority. The Chairman then read the letter of Gen. JACKSON in reply to the resolution of Tammany in his support, which was followed by enthusiastic cheering.

On the 23d of July, 1819, three years after, nearly forty-seven years ago to-night, he was under the shelter of this roof, our honored guest; and as the best commentary on the talent and the patriotism of the men of Tammany in that day, without reflecting on the learned gentlemen who arranged this list of toasts before me, I shall read a few of those drank here that night:

Agriculture—It is the pressure of the mother, nourishment and vigor flow from it.

The Peoples Union—The western limit of the Republic.

Political Science—May they *all* discover that honesty is the best policy.

This last toast was received with thunders of applause and a cataract of laughter, in the confusion following which we thought we heard the explosion of several champagne bottles under tables.

The chairman then read the following toast and called upon the venerable JAMES B. MURRAY, the sole surviving member of that committee which received Gen. JACKSON forty-seven years ago, and who, he was proud to say, was now present and would speak to them:

The Day we Celebrate—The anniversary of a victory over veteran regulars by militia commanders and militia troops, it gave to the American arms, at the time, their brightest lustre, and to republican institutions, in all time, their truest and bravest defender.

The venerable septegenarian (if he be not more) was received with much and deserved enthusiasm, for it was a truly gratifying sight to see that pale old man amongst the second generation of his country's heroes.

When quiet was restored after several minutes vociferous cheering the gentleman said:

SPEECH OF COL. MURRAY.

He was indeed the last of those now alive who had welcomed Gen. JACKSON within these walls. That was a time when the country was triumphant after a grievous trial, having stood against the bitter energies of Great Britain, but that time called forth every noble feeling of the American people uniting all the creeds, religious and political, into a glorious and triumphant unity.

The sons of Tammany were not behind. I myself, with a thousand others, labored with the pickaxe and the spade to give strength to Fort Green. Our Cabinet had fled, with the President at its head. The vandal English had all but destroyed our capital, and marched on conquering to New-Orleans; but at the very moment of their culminating success, they were met by the gallant leader who taught them an unexpected lesson, for in less than thirty minutes from the firing of the first gun, the worsted enemy retired, leaving 700 killed upon the field, and as many wounded and the rest missing. On that day was the success of our country and her principles established, and insured for ever her success against our foreign enemies. That day we are here to celebrate. Since then we have met enemies at home more powerful than all the hosts of England then and now united. But the hosts of Pharoah have been overcome and the land of Israel is ours. [Great applause and waving of handkerchiefs.]

The next toast was then read and received with all the honors—

The President of the United States—Brought up at the feet of JACKSON, we hope and believe he will imitate that patriot's integrity, courage and devotion to constitutional liberty.

This was followed by

The State of New-York—Rich in Revolutionary recollections, the theatre of fearful struggles and brilliant victories in the late war, and now, then and ever the bond which holds together all the States of our Confederacy.

Responded to by JNO. E. BURRILL, Esq., in an eloquent manner, after which the President read the next toast in order:

The City of New-York—The Metropolis of the Western World—foremost in upholding the cause of liberty and the champion—we honor it in the person of its upright and fearless Chief Magistrate,

and called upon Mayor HOFFMAN to respond.

The Mayor, on rising, was received with great warmth, and proceeded to say that his arduous, novel, and he regretted he could not say pleasant, duties for the past week had prevented his preparing such a speech as he should like to deliver to the honored gentlemen of Tammany. He proceeded at considerable length to expatiate on the greatness of the nation, and of the State and City of New-York, into which poured the power, the wealth and the talent of the world. A great city, he said, notwithstanding that some of its craven-hearted citizens would sell its independence to State officials. [Terrible applause, productive of much damage to the crystal of the establishment, Hibernian bottle-holders rising in Donnybrook delirium.] The Mayor then called for three cheers for the Spartan volunteers from Kentucky and Tennessee who planted the standard of the republic on the ramparts of New-Orleans, and three cheers more for ANDREW JOHNSON, another Kentucky volunteer, who plants the flag this time on the ramparts of Washington and fights the battles of his country against fanatics and radicals. [Jove's thunders let loose in Tammany, and tigers in tornado.] And here are other noble heroes, FARRAGUT and HEINTZELMAN, who themselves will speak to you; for I could not tell you what they have done for their country and for you; the task were one above my powers of eloquence, and requiring hours where I have but minutes to give to it. Now let us all resolve this day to pledge ourselves to unity of action and to the integrity of these United States for ourselves and for our children.

The next toast given was:

The Army of the United States—It has won glorious victories over British, Spanish, German, Mexican, Swiss and savage troops. The result of its encounter with the French remains to be seen.

Responded to by Gen. HEINTZELMAN in a brief speech, which the gallant veteran concluded by proposing the following toast:

"Success to the Liberal cause in Mexico."

Which was received with thundering cheers.

The Chairman then rose to read the following toast, and with it coupled the name of Admiral FARRAGUT, calling down all the enthusiasm which Tammany, with all but exhausted lungs, could give in another glorious cheer:

The Navy of the United States—It won imperishable honor in the war of 1812, gloriously terminated at the battle of New-Orleans. Its maturer years have more than fulfilled the promise of its youth.

Admiral FARRAGUT rose to respond, and the air grew thick with waving handkerchiefs and napkins, while vocal manifestations of joy arose from the moving multitude. Admiral FARRAGUT said:

SPEECH OF ADMIRAL FARRAGUT.

As representative of the Navy of the United States, I have to express, gentlemen, the pleasure this meeting with your gives me, as I have also to give expression to the honor which you have done me and my associates. My father, as you say, was at that battle of New-Orleans, whose anniversary you celebrate. If I was not there then, gentlemen, I have been since, and although I do not presume to say that the navy had as much to do in the conquest of New-Orleans as the army under Gen. JACKSON, still we are proud to have recorded whatever share the navy had in it. On the part of the navy I thank you, gentlemen, for the honor you have done us, and will long remember the enthusiasm of this evening.

The next toast in order was,

The Union of States under the Constitution—Consecrated in the affections and the memory of the American people. Let it never be forgotten that the destruction or suicide of any one State causes the death of this Union.

To which Hon. JAS. T. BRADY was called upon to respond. Mr. BRADY was received with great enthusiasm, the cheering lasting several minutes. He said:

SPEECH OF HON. JAS. T. BRADY.

MR. PRESIDENT AND FELLOW-DEMOCRATS: I hear my voice again in Tammany Hall. I heard it in the same room when I was eighteen years of age. A Democratic wag asks me how long that is ago. I call upon you, Mr. Chairman, to protect me against such impertinent inquiry. [Laughter.] I need not say to you that I then spoke the language of honesty and truth—for I never opened my lips in this room that I did not do so—conscious that I spoke in the presence of my Maker, and I shall continue to do this, and I shall do it to-night, though some of the words I may use may not fall pleasantly on the ears of many of you. I have been told that I should be read out of Tammany Hall. [Cries of no, no, no.] But I repeat to-night what I have said before, that the Democratic party was, to say the least of it, cold in its prosecution of the war against rebellion.

It is cold now, and until it change from what it is to what it ought to be, it will never regain that position it once held in the power and the government of the country. I say there are to-night enough men here to save the country from all the new rebels, from THADDEUS STEVENS down to CHARLES SUMNER. [Tremendous cheers.] We have got through the physical rebellion—we have now to protect the country against an intellectual one. I do not mean to characterize this new rebellion as the offspring of a superior intelligence, but I call it intellectual to distinguish it from that which merely calls for the exercise of brute force. We lost the control of the government, we lost the control of the State, and we came near losing control of the city under the splendid engineering of the Democratic party. We must regain this lost control. How is it to be done? Is it by allowing men of inferior and corrupt minds to control the party? No. We must show that we have some dignity, power and honesty, then we can conquer all that can be brought against us. I was for the war against the rebellion from the first. I had never learned that the Democratic party was afraid of a row, nor did I think that the country could be saved by speeches or by petticoats. No, and it rivers of blood had been spilled, of which those that did flow were only like to streams, that the liberty of the country would have been cheaply bought withal. The learned gentleman then went on to urge the reunion of the various Democratic factions, calling upon his brethren of the South to come forward again, and join those who were waiting with longing arms to receive them, that they might help to rebuild their great country again. I have a right to speak to the South, he said, and they know it. I defended the right of the slave-owner to carry his slaves to new territory, as I would defend the rights of the Massachusetts manufacturer to remove his property in like manner. [Dissatisfied murmurs amongst the colored knights of the napkin.] I say, let them come to us, let them join us in good faith, for our country's peace and better government. [Great applause.]

The eighth regular toast was

The Continent of America—Dedicated to the growth and exhibition of American institutions. It invites competition abroad, but repels colonization at home.

This was responded to by Mr. TILDEN.

The ninth toast was

Peace and its Victories—Reunited brethren, a restored Union, prosperity that has had no parallel, and a Republic without a rival.

The tenth toast,

The Democratic Party—A faithful defender of the rights of the States, and an unfaltering supporter of the integrity of the Union. It gives to republican institutions their form and permanence, and is like them, indestructible.

Was responded to by Mr. S. S. COX, who said:

SPEECH OF MR. COX.

In your invitation I find the very spirit of amnesty. You bid us not to think of any victories of our army which have been achieved since 1812. If our organized government can temper justice with mercy the Democratic party need not be ashamed to follow in its footsteps. Our party is coeval with the Constitution. It elected thirteen out of the fifteen Presidents. It never could have been conquered save by its own dissensions. In 1856 our Southern friends deserted us, and left us to the mercy of their foe and ours. The party that struck down the Democratic party afterward struck at the life of the Union. It, however, an Executive can forgive them surely we can. When we are taunted with sympathy with secession we will go back to the day when the convention was held at Charleston. Mr. COX said if he could speak to the men of the South he would say, *Look at the battle we fought in the field*, when we gave a majority of 600,000 votes. Of the South, Mr. COX said they had them elves cut the thread which bound them together. The North must now help them to recover its broken strands. The President's Message was a platform on which both parties could stand. It was broad enough for all. In the hands of this patriotic party was only true to itself, new life and new vitality would be given to our national frame. Under its auspices the Union was launched, and under it the Union might become the ruler of the destinies of the world.

The eleventh regular toast was—

The Proud Motto of our Ancient Society—"Civil and Religious Liberty, the glory of man."

The twelfth toast was

Woman—The jewel on the hilt of Patriotism.

Which was responded to by Assistant District-Attorney HUTCHINGS.

SPEECH OF MR. HUTCHINGS.

Mr. HUTCHINGS said that it was rather hard that he should be called on to respond to the toast of woman when she had never responded to him. Woman had always been to him a mystery—an enigma of which he had endeavored in vain to obtain the solution. He had read in an old book that the Creator meant to make woman perfect, but it would be allowed that she was not always perfection. She had been created out of the rib of man, so that she might be nearest his heart. If she had been created out of his eye she might have seen too much; if out of his brain she might have known too much; if out of his tongue she might have talked too much, which was a rather common weakness among them as it was; if created out of his foot she might have run away, and that some of them did already. Mr. HUTCHINGS went on in the same strain at considerable length, and created much amusement by the humorous manner in which he treated the subject.

The thirteenth toast was

The Press—On its courage and incorruptibility depend, in a high degree, individual liberty and the success of free government.

Which was responded to by Mr. BEACH, Jr.

The Charity Ball.

The Charity Ball for the benefit of the Nursery and Child's Hospital of this city will take place at the Academy of Music on Monday evening, 29th inst. The price of tickets is $3 each, admitting one person, and they may be procured of any of the following managers:

LADIES.—Mesdames Sidney Ashmore, E. Ellery Anderson, William Astor, Lloyd Aspinwall, Averill, Barlow, Barril, Belmont, Jas. W. Beekman, G. L. Beekman, Wm. B. Bend, G. F. Betts, L. K. Bridge, C. F. Blake, John R. Brady, S. Dexter Bradford, James Brooks, J. F. Butterworth, William Blodgett, C. Berrynman, Caylus, Chickering, Edward Clark, Cunard, Edward H. Coster, Alfred Carrol, William C. Calhoun, Charles F. Daly, Henry Delafield, C. A. Davis, De Birmingham, Degen, De Ferrusac, R. O. Doremus, D. Du Bois, Lorenzo Draper, F. S. Drebes, Freeman, E. Frith, Forsyth, Gentil, Ezra Goodrich, J. L. Graham, W. Gray, Charles C. Green, C. A. Heckscher, J. G. Heckscher, Henry Hills. F. E. Howe, William A. Hadden, G. G. Haven, C. B. Hoffman, W. O. Hoffman, R. S. Hone, Lydig Hoyt, R. M. Hunt, G. G. Howland, G. A. Jones, Jos. Hooker, L. W. Jerome, J. D. Jones, A. C. Kingsland, James F. Kernochan, Edward S. Kirkland, E. Keteltas, Edwin Ludlow, Philip Livingston, George A. Lathrop, Charles Luling, Lazarus, Henry Meyer, A. B. Mott, J. B. Murray, D. Colden Murray, W. H. McVickar, Gordon Norrie, Palmer, R. Phelps, Paton, H. Parish, J. Pyne, G. A. Phelps, F. F. Randolph, J. J. Roosevelt, E. Raymond, William Redmond, H. Renwick, W. Rhinelander, S. Howland Robbins, H. De B. Routh, F. H. Saltus, Frederick Sheldon, Russell Stebbins, Ferd Suydam, Paran Stevens, John Schermerhorn, Lorillord Spencer, Joseph Strong, Sauer, Stevenson, C. Strong, Strachan, G. T. Strong, Murray Smith, E. H. Stoughton, H. A. Taylor, Tighe, Tillinghast, Ellingham Townsend, William Tracey, L. Turnure, A. Wagstaff, J. Kearney Warren, J. C. Wilmerding, Edgerton Winthrop, Joel Wolfe, Isaac Wright, J. H. Wainwright, Yznaga.

GENTLEMEN.—Messrs. Joseph Alsop, L. Seymour Ashley, E. H. Anderson, William H. Appleton, T. C. Acton, S. L. M. Barlow, R. Benson, D. W. Bishop, Henry Burgy, Andrew Bininger, Willett Bronson, Lansdale Boardman, William C. Binns, Eugene Bogert, G. S. Bowdoin, S. W. Bridgham, Jr., J. T. Brady, H. W. Brevoort, Jas. Bleecker, W. H. Bibby, Wm. B. Bend, Dr. H. D. Bulkley, Henry Clews, J. Cadwallader, Le G. Cannon, J. W. Clendenin, J. G. Coster, Samuel Craig, William B. Cooper, Israel Corse, A. M. Cozzens, Richard Church, E. Charlier, Robert L. Cutting, Jr., Wm. Cutting, Henry Coster, Wm. Douglas, J. Geddes Day, E. Dubois, W. B. Duncan, Maj.-Gen. Dix, Mr. A. C. Du Vivier, Dr. Francis Delafield, Messrs. M. L. Delafield, Edward Delafield, Jr., G. T. Elliot, Jr., Messrs. Russell Forsyth, C. F. Fearing, Mortimer Fowler, S. M. Fox, J. P. Giraud Foster, C. Godfrey Gunther, Sheppard Gandy, J. W. Gerard, Jr., J. G. Grafton, Frederick Gilbert, J. B. Graham, J. C. Grey, E. Gerry, J. G. Heckscher, J. W. Hamersley, Harbeck, Townsend Harris, Edwin Hoyt, A. S. Hewitt, C. Fiske Harris, J. T. Hoffman, Gould Hoyt, George Hoffman Dr. J. Hull, Messrs. Wilson G. Hunt, C. D. Habicht, P. Harmony, J. B. Ireland, G. Irving, H. A. Johnson, H. E. Jones, Dr. E. Lee Jones, Dr. W. W. Jones, Dr. A. Jacobi, Peyton Jaudon, O. K. King, D. Kingsland, Emile Kingsland, C. P. Kirkland, Moses Lazarus, W. Lowndes, L. Lang, B. J. Livingston, Arthur Leary, J. Lentilhorn, J. Bowers Lee, A. A. Low, D. Comyn Moran, A. P. Montant, L. P. Morton, Dr. A. B. Mott, Judge A. C. Munson, James Murphy, J. B. Murray, Dr. T. M. Markoe, J. T. Metcalf, J. Pierpont Morgan, W. D. Morgan, Walton Oakley, Philip M. Oakley, Baron Ostensacken, James Otis, W. C. Otis, Harleston Parker, Archibald Pell, John Pyne, Dr. G. A. Peters, Edward Prime, Jr., G. H. Redmond, Edward Renwick, L. M. Rutherfurd, Wm. B. Rogers, H. De B. Routh, J. J. Roosevelt, M. O. Roberts, J. F. Ruggles, H. J. Raymond, Randolph Robinson, Flisha Riggs, Geo. Satterlee, Joseph F. Stone, Alfred Seton, Geo. Schuyler. Geo. R. Schieffelin, E. Delafield Smith, B. K. Stevens, E. W. Stoughton, Augustus Schell, Francis Skiddy, Dr. Foster Swift, Walter Satterlee, Eugene Thorn, W. P. Talboys, Henry A. Taller, Alexander Taylor, Wm. R. Travers, Gen. Van Alen, John Van Buren, Jules Vatable, J. Kearney Warren, G. C. Ward, Sidney Webster, M. Willett, S. H. Whitwell, Jas. R. Windell, J. C. Wilmerding, Dr. G. S. Winston, Wm. Young.

FUNERAL OF DR. CUMMINGS.

Immense Concourse of People—The Ceremonies, the Crowds and the Cold Weather.

Probably no public testimonial of professional and social or general respect for the memory of a deceased citizen has at any time been attended with such absolute discomfort and positive pain as was that which, with one accord, the public yesterday extended to the friends and co-laborers of the late Dr. CUMMINGS, at St. Stephen's church, in Twenty-eighth-street. The body remained all night in the middle aisle of the building, resting upon the catafalque, dressed and decorated as before described. The scene was solemn and impressive, and to the thousands of citizens who availed themselves of the opportunity to look at the features doubtless a lesson of lasting benefit was imparted. The clear sky of the morning, untinted or relieved by a single ray of brightening hue, canopied an earth ice-bound and stiff. The keen wind cut the skin of man and beast, and howled about the open church doors like a very demon. Despite this and the bitter chill of the air, hundreds of the parishoners of the late priest gathered about the door, pressing through at every opportunity, glad to endure pain and annoyance, if thereby they might gain the coveted glance at their dead pastor. The police, under Capt. WILSON, were early on the ground, and about 8 o'clock they cleared the church, that the artist might uninterruptedly secure a cast of the doctor's features. This was perfectly done, a most satisfactory cast being obtained, without injuring the skin or discomposing the features.

The arrangements for the services of the day, as indeed the burden of the entire parish and all its duties, devolved upon Rev. Dr. MCGLYNN, aided by Rev. Fathers GALLAGHER and GAMBOSVILLE. These gentlemen determined that nothing should be omitted which could evince the affection in which the Doctor was held, or which could reflectively benefit his people. Dr. MCGLYNN caused the church to be appropriately hung with black and white; he secured the services of BERGER, the friend and former organist of the deceased, into whose hands he committed the musical portion of the funeral rites. He obtained the consent of Rev. Mr. HECKER to deliver a funeral oration, arranged with Mr. LAMENS to prepare and superintend a Civic Guard of Honor, and although fasting since Thursday night, worked incessantly in preparing for the ceremonials, in which, as the chief assistant and probable successor of Dr. CUMMINGS, he was to take a prominent part.

At an early hour the people began to throng Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth streets in the front and rear of the church. The doors were closed, and at the front no one was permitted to enter, while at the rear only the relatives of the deceased were admitted. The galleries were soon crowded, densely packed, in fact, so that not another person could secure a foothold there. Then all the doors were closed, even to those who had cards until 10 o'clock. In the meantime the crowd outside assumed the proportions of a multitude, men and women of every rank in life were there, and so far as the police could keep them in order and in line it was done. The air was fearfully keen, and a bitter set of people probably never shivered more in unison than did this. In the lecture-room under the church the order was by no means perfect; the committeemen had too much power and the police too little, and that little was not always tempered with discretion. It can never be absolutely necessary for stalwart officers weighing over two hundred pounds to push and handle young or old women as though they were rioters or leaders, even if, as in this case, the ladies were wrong and determined to go through forbidden door. The scene below was most unpleasant; everybody was chilled to the bone and a very head-centre of irascibility.

The courtesy of an exceedingly active and reverend Father procured for us admission to the church, where we found a scene at once singular and imposing. The temporary altar was beautifully draped with lines of festooned muslin, white and black; broad sheets of the same material hung down from the upper rafter, covered with black and white crosses, and entirely hiding the rough boards which for the present obscure the old church from the view. Tall silver candlesticks and the many-branched candelabras were filled with blazing tapers; the sacred implements of office and the mimic temple of the Lord were shrouded in black; the high walls and illumined glasses of the windows were sombered by their dress of mourning; the chandeliers were veiled with crape, and high above the temple and the crucifix shone the suggestive sentence:

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

The pews on either side of the middle aisle were reserved for the pall-bearers, the press and other invited guests, but the rest of the church, including the aisles themselves, were filled to the uttermost at 10 o'clock by people who had struggled at the door for hours in the cold, which gave way before the pressure. The body rested, as before, in the shell coffin of rosewood on the inclined plank of the catafalque, whose black cloth, silver-trimmed sides and top were a bed of rarest flowers. We do not remember to have seen a more beautiful arrangement of flowers than were some of these. Upon the prostrate body were placed out flowers, there were many elegant crosses, anchors and circles of pure white camelias, and a very ocean of roses and lilies. Clad in the vestments of his sacred office, the dead Father rested calmly in the place of his labor, surrounded by his family and parish, guarded tenderly by his brethren of the priesthood, friends, with the golden crucifix of his Redeemer in life hands, a smile of peace on his face, an air of perfect repose throughout.

There was great delay in the commencement of the ceremonies; there always is at such times, but with the thermometer some few degrees below zero and drafts of most pronounced chilliness piercing every bone and muscle, the delay on this occasion was not only uncomfortable but excessively dangerous. Finally the pall-bearers entered and took seats in front, the press sitting at their right hand; then the clergy, some two hundred of them from the arch-diocese; then the Vicar-General Archer STARR, the Archbishop's Secretary, Father MCNIERNEY, Bishop LYNCH and Archbishop MCCLOSKEY—all clad in their appropriate vestments, and stationed in the places where, according to the ritual, they belonged. Rev. Dr. MCGLYNN, attended by Rev. Father GALLAGHER and GAMBOSVILLE, and preceded by a great number of acolytes, then took his place as Celebrant at the altar, and the services of the day, as announced in yesterday's TIMES, began. The intensity of the cold affected every one in the church, from the Archbishop, in his cap, to the organ-boy in the gallery, from the Celebrant in his robes to the kneeling petitioner at the door, and it was wisely concluded to cut short the ceremonies, omitting the service for the dead and suggesting brevity to the orator of the day. Prominent among the gentlemen present we noticed, in addition to the clergymen, Hon. James T. Brady, Bishop Southgate, Judge Geo. G. Barnard, Judge Daly, Gen. Rosecrans, F. De Lossey, G. W. Quintard, George W. Stearns, W. A. Seaver, Dan Bryant, Mayor Hoffman, Hon. Abram Wakeman, W. W. Wheatley and J. B. Nicholson. Some of these were included possibly in the Guard of Honor as follows:

C. F. De Lossey, G. W. Quintard, W. E. Everett, W. A. Seaver, W. Von Sachs, John Bryan, J. Thoron, C. Thoron, P. Badetty, F. Braggiotti, C. C. Churchill, A. W. Whipple, W. W. Wheatley, W. H. Powell, J. M. Smith, R. Hutton, Walter Magee, A. Arias, Doctor Gouley, Edward Benjamin, E. Ponvert, Jr., E. T. Young, P. J. Glover, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Baile, C. Marti, H. Hoguet, J. P. Quinn, Daniel T. Murphy, Mr. Giraud, J. B. Nicholson, Ed. Chase, Mr. Hunt, C. C. Bradhurst, W. H. Field, Louis Ponvert, F. H. Churchill, F. H. McNulty, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Underhill, A. Hoguet, W. J. F. Dailey, Robert Hoguet, F. McNulty, Jeremiah Devlin, Mr. Cleveland, J. Barcello, Thos. Rivera, Gur. Martinez, George Downing, Dan. Bryant.

After a rendering of CHERUBINI's Requiem, MERCADANTE's Offertory, the *Fac ut Portem* from "Sinbat Mater," and the mass, (celebrated by Rev. Dr. MCGLYNN,) in which the choir of the old Sixteenth-street Church, the Mendelssohn Union, the choir of St. Stephens, Mme. ISADORA CLARKE and Mme. DE LUSSANE participated, Rev. Father HECKER delivered a long and interesting address, which would have been listened to with rare pleasure had not the absolute iciness of the atmosphere rendered every person in the audience reckless of ceremony and indifferent to oratory in their anxiety to approach and feel the warmth of a fire.

At the conclusion of the address, Rev. Dr. MCGLYNN gave the final absolution, and the Archbishop, in his cope and robes, followed by his assistants, sprinkled holy water about the body, and then the coffin, borne on the shoulders of the pall-bearers, was carried quietly down the broad aisle, followed by the long line of clergy, each with a lighted taper in his hand, to the church vault below, while the organ accompanied the solemn chant of the benediction. The vast congregation then dispersed, and the Archbishop, Bishop, Vicar-General, pastor and other clergy repaired to the late residence of Dr. CUMMINGS, where a bountiful collation was prepared for them.

The Suffering Poor.

Whose heart has not felt a pang during the terribly cold weather of the past few days at the thought of the suffering poor of this city? How many there are among our readers who would gladly give of their abundance to comfort the sick and destitute in the crowded tenements of the city if they could find the proper channel for the distribution of their benefactions. To all such charitably-disposed persons we commend a perusal of the following communications:

FIVE POINTS HOUSE OF INDUSTRY, }
No. 155 WORTH-ST., Jan. 8. }

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

We are now pressed with applications for blankets, fuel and bread, and must dispense them largely to keep women and children from starving or freezing. Two little girls have been at this moment brought in by a temperate widow so reduced that she was obliged to borrow clothing to cover her children to bring them to the Institution, and she stripped their little forms to carry back the borrowed garments to those who loaned them. Since her husband's death she has disposed of one article after another of furniture and clothing, until there was nothing left to sell or pawn; and to prevent starving or freezing she brings her children to us.

An American soldier's widow came to us a few days since, whose husband died in the Andersonville Prison eighteen months since. She had not attempted to obtain a pension, because she preferred as long as she could to *earn* the bread which she and her children wanted. During the Summer she had plenty of work and fair pay, but for a long time work had ceased. To buy food and pay rent she had pawned clothing, bedding and bed, and had been sleeping on the floor. Having nothing more to pledge she came to us for relief. Our house is crowded with poor women and children, while multitudes of hungry poor come to our tables morning, noon and night, whom we cannot send away unfed. Your kind readers, in their comfortable homes, will not allow us to want the means to keep the poor who come to us from perishing. Any donations sent to Mr. HUGH N. CAMP, Treasurer, No. 149 Pearl-street, or to the undersigned, will be appropriated to the poor.

S. B. HALLIDAY, Sup't,
No. 155 Worth-street.

P. S.—We have no collector.

HOWARD MISSION AND HOME FOR LITTLE WANDERERS, NO. 37 NEW BOWERY, }
NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1866. }

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

THE NEW SONG.—Years ago in a cold room sat, freezing and starving, three little children. The eldest, a girl of nine years, had but a few months since recovered from having her throat cut from the ear down across the wind-pipe, by her brutal mother. The other two are brothers, six and four years old. Never did I witness a more touching exhibition of perishing infancy or neglected childhood. They were brought to the Mission and entirely given up by the parents. For the first time they enjoyed the luxury of floating in a warm bath. When water, soap, towels, combs and brushes had finished their work, nice, soft, warm clothes, so kindly sent by friends, took the place of filthy, vermined rags. As they stood around the register they warmed into new life, and our heart melted as so sweetly and softly, out of the fullness of their little hearts, they sang:

"I is happy, I is happy,
I is on my way to Zion;
I is happy, I is happy,
I is on my journey home.

God pity and bless the uncounted thousands of such perishing little ones in our city. We want homes for those and others. Who will take them? Who will help us? We have received over 5,000 into our rooms—more than 1,200 in the last four months—have from 400 to 550 a day at our table. One dollar a week will buy food for a child. Who will at once provide for one until May by sending $20? or for a year by sending $50?

W. C. VAN METER.

COLORED MEN AND COMMERCE.

Trade with the South by Colored Capitalists—Meeting of the Colored Joint Stock Company Last Night—Address by Rev. Sella Martin.

The American and Foreign Joint Stock Company, an association of colored capitalists, held its annual meeting last night at Hope Chapel. The attendance was large, the audience consisting of both white and colored persons. The company, though young, is in a flourishing condition, the capital is constantly increasing, a large number of shares having been taken last night.

Mr. PETER GUION, of Williamsburgh, the President of the company, occupied the chair, and, after the annual report was read, Rev. SELLA MARTIN delivered the annual address.

Mr. MARTIN, who on coming forward, was received with prolonged cheering, said:

MR. PRESIDENT AND FRIENDS—CARLYLE says that hatred is inverted love, and certainly a comparison of our past condition with our prospects in the immediat. future, would seem to prove it. As the Jew is the most difficult convert to gain to Christianity, so he is one of the best of Christians when once converted. He is farthest from the Christian in theology; first, because he is the nearest to him in sacred history, the having-come and the to-come of Christ being the things which divide as nothing else divides, and unite as nothing else unites. So it is with our relation as a race to the Anglo-Americans. We are too near them in all the elements of civilization for them to acknowledge us until the question as to whether humanity can flourish under a black skin or not is settled; and when that is settled we shall choose one another as we often choose their mates from contrast, and, having already agreed on nine points, agreement on the tenth unites us forever. In the blindness of past hate, proof of our adaptation to slavery has been sought in the submission which we made to its odious terms, and our oppressors and their friends sought to justify themselves by comparing us to the Indian who would break before he would bend. But facts are already showing that the same tendencies to civilization which made us bear the burdens of slavery, also made us fit to bear the responsibilities of freedom. The Indian has neither offered nor accepted the fellowship of the white or the black man; and if his wild will was too stubborn for submission, it was because his barbarous heart was too hard to be civilized. The Indian's have murdered more people in one year than the negroes have in two centuries, thou h both races were originally equally uncivilized. It may be granted that the negro makes the meekest of slaves, but it can not be denied that he is the easiest of converts too—the quickest recipient and the most active disseminator of the principles of the gospel, at least as he understands them.

For two hundred and fifty years these facts have been misunderstood. For thirty years our hand, though not so hairy or hostile as ESAU'S, has been stretched out without avail for fellowship. At first the white man—our friends among them at least, held it out for us, under the chains of Christian charity, and then we learned to hold out ourselves under the yoke of justice, but nobody would touch it, chiefly because there was nothing in it; neither power to be feared, nor interest to be conciliated, nor beauty to be courted, nor honors to be conferred. In these last days, however, events have stretched it out for us, and Providence put something in it, and that something was money—the universal blessing in all things as obedient to the black as to the white man's hand; obeying the physical courage that held it without a tremor, the will and discipline that directed it to the right quarter and fired it at the right men, the love of freedom and peace which kept it in constant action when conceded, and laid it down with joy when it was no longer required. But, my friends, our hands, now joyously empty of the implements of death, must be as joyously filled with the implements of industry; and the proofs of our business enterprise, integrity and perseverance must be as solid as, and a great deal more glittering than our valor. For it remains to be seen whether our achievements on the field of battle were directed by the brute force of an idiot, who destroys though he cannot build up, or by a well-balanced mind, which can be as firm under disappointment, as steady amid discouragements and as progressive through opportunities as they were amid great excitements and new experiences. The first and most valuable thing our hands find to do is to labor. Happily we are not unused to this. The schooling of slavery has given the most of our race a constitution too hard to be overcome by the semi-tropical diseases of the South. Since Gen. BUTLER's colored soldiers whipped the yellow fever out of the South, any puny white child can kick and cuff it about. The degradation which confined us to the fields of cotton, also showed us the mysteries of its cultivation, and the secrets of its management, and gave our constitution a mastery over its climate, that must for a long time make us the recipients of its profits. And as to our willingness to labor there is no doubt, except in the minds of those who don't wish to do it, and their doubts are more affected than real. If it were truth that we will not work, it would be a dreadful thing for those who have never learned how to do it themselves. But though we mean to work, they must let us do it in our own way and in our own time. I heard of a man who had been in prison all his life nearly, and when he got out he ran about hugging trees, kissing cows, and cutting up all sorts of strange and idle capers, but as soon as the poetry of his freedom were off he went back and used admission to the prison, and remained there a contented workman all his life. Now, if the negroes had planned an insurrection, as some of the frightened white people whose thieving guilt made "each bush an officer," said they were doing, it would only have been an effort to enjoy and a method of wearing off the poetry of their freedom. And if the negroes do not readily go back to the cultivation of cotton, let white men remember what its culture has meant to them for 200 years. No pod of it has grown that has not been literally watered with their tears. Its ginning, and packing, and transport to market, have all made a deep and solemn bass to the dismal clanking of chains that held them from wives and husbands, mothers and fathers, and brothers and sisters—a horrible orchestra that drowned the murmurs of hope and silenced the voice of inspiration; that smothered the very cries of manhood and respect and every nerve of despair. But only wait till our frolic is over, and we ourselves will see that the staple which enslaved us is yet to elevate us. We stood in nakedness for 250 years to produce it for others to be clothed withal; but hereafter out of its mystic web we shall weave the garments of self-respect, the turban of our manhood and the banner of our progress and equality. But let the masters be wise in time. They have the capital and the land that, united with our labor, can make the South in many important respects the mistress of the world's manufacturing industry. Let them, then, as cordially, treat us fairly; let them subordinate their prejudices to their interest, and get rid of the bugbear of our wish for their daughters and sisters for wives. If they are all like those who spat in the faces of our soldiers and laughed at the calamity of dying men, the Lord knows I for one don't want them, and I am sure all of those foolish negroes, who in there is wealth in the ground for them and honor in the staple for us.

But let them on the contrary drive us away by oppressive laws, or scatter us to vagrancy by their senseless prejudices and wicked proscriptions; let them make us feel that in this transforming age the Ethiopian may change his habits, but the leopard spots of the slaveholder can not or will not change; and the South will become another Jamaica, with many masters and few laborers, the negroes brooding over their wrongs until, as PHILLIPS says, they "curse themselves to sleep" on the small patches, where at least they will be